



July Newsletter

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson welcomes Tony Penn



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson is proud to welcome Tony Penn as our Interim CEO. Tony brings a wealth of experience from both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors. He is deeply committed to driving operational excellence and providing the steady, thoughtful leadership needed to guide our mission forward.

At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson, we're not just running programs; we're shaping futures. And we couldn't do it without you. Your continued support allows us to grow alongside the evolving needs of our community and ensure that every child who steps through our blue doors finds a safe, uplifting place where they can learn, lead, and thrive.

Our Interim CEO Tony Penn recently joined 13 News' Devyn Shea on Tucson Now to share more about our plans for a new Teen Tech Center and other exciting STEM-related activities. Please click [here](#) to watch the full interview!

Celebrating with Rising Star Baptist Church



On July 13th, we had the joy of celebrating with our friends at Rising Star Baptist Church, led by the amazing Pastor Lewis.

We're really thankful for this meaningful partnership. Thank you for walking alongside us as we serve our youth. Together, we're sharing values, encouraging

Celebrating Ross's Grand Opening & Their Support for Our Youth



We're so thankful to have Ross as a valued community partner!

On Saturday, July 19th, we had the honor of attending the Grand Opening of their new location at 6230 E. Broadway Blvd.

generosity, and creating brighter futures.

A big thank-you to the Rising Star family for your generous donation and ongoing support. We truly appreciate you!

Summer Camp Fun!



This summer, our camp program ran for seven amazing weeks across six Clubhouses, and what a summer it was!

From local adventures to exciting out-of-town field trips, including a thrilling day at the Diamondbacks game, our campers made unforgettable memories. We kept minds and hands busy with fun STEM activities, cooled off with splash pad days, and even raised funds for more trips with a car wash fundraiser.

Of course, no summer camp is complete without our traditional Spirit Week, where everyone showed off their creativity and team spirit!

Big thanks to everyone who made this summer so special for our youth. We're already looking forward to next year! Click [here](#) to see the great memories!

Tucson School Fair

A big THANK YOU to Ross for supporting our Power Hour Program at the Jim & Vicki Click Clubhouse.

Your generosity is already making a real difference in the lives of our youth and we're excited for what's ahead!

Make this Back-to-School Season Great!



There's still time to register for our After-School Program. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity for your youth!

For just \$20 for the entire school year, your child can be part of a safe, supportive, and fun environment where they can grow, learn, and thrive.

Our programs include:

- Power Hour, focused on homework help and academic success
- SMART Girls and Passport to Manhood, empowering youth with life skills and confidence
- Plus, exciting activities for teens at the Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse, including esports, culinary arts, robotics, digital media, coding, programming, and workforce readiness!
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

Click [here](#) to learn more and register today. Let's make this school year the best one yet!

Operation Backpack



A Big Thank You to [NavigatED](#) for an Amazing Back-to-School Event!

On Thursday, July 24, NavigatED hosted an incredible Back to School Event at the Tucson Convention Center, we were so grateful to be part of it!

It was a meaningful day filled with resources, support, and community spirit, all aimed at helping students and families get ready for the new school year.

Thank you, NavigatED, for including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson and giving us the chance to connect with our community in such a special way.



We're proud to share that, thanks to a wonderful partnership with Nova Home Loans and Tucson Police Officers Association, we provided more than 200 Tucson youth with backpacks and school supplies to start the school year off right!

A huge shoutout to our incredible supporters who made the day unforgettable: The Tucson Fire Department, Tucson Police Department, and SWAT Team. Chick-fil-A, Domino's, and Eegee's kept everyone fueled and energized throughout the event.

A big thank you to Walmart for generously providing school supplies to help fill those backpacks and volunteer in support of the event.

We were also honored to have Jaden Bradley from the University of Arizona Basketball team with us, inspiring our youth and reinforcing his commitment to BGCT's mission of guiding young people toward a clear path to their future.

And of course, the vibes wouldn't have been the same without DJ Joe B., who kept the energy high and the good times rolling all day long!

Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success; together, we're empowering Tucson's youth to thrive this school year and beyond.

Focusing on Growth: Emotional Intelligence Training at BGCT



On Tuesday, July 29th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson team came together for an impactful Emotional Intelligence Training, a day dedicated to self-awareness, growth, and strengthening our ability to serve youth with empathy and intention.

The training included breakout sessions, where staff had the opportunity to reflect, share insights, and discuss real-life challenges we face in our day-to-day work at BGCT. These honest conversations helped build stronger connections across teams and reinforced our shared commitment to creating safe, supportive spaces for every child.

We also took time to honor some of our incredible team members who have been part of the BGCT family for many years. A special congratulations to Valery Wilson, who was recognized for an incredible 20 years of service, a true testament to her dedication and impact.

Together, we continue to grow, not just as an organization, but as a team rooted in compassion, resilience, and a deep belief in the futures of the youth we serve.

Every gift helps provide a safe, inspiring space for kids to learn, grow, and thrive.

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