



Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson Names Tisha Tallman as CEO



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(TUCSON, AZ – July 20, 2026) — Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson (BGCT) announced today that the Board of Directors has unanimously named Tisha Tallman of Tucson as the next Chief Executive Officer effective July 27, 2026. Her appointment followed a search process with the assistance of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's CEO Search Team.

"We are very excited to have Tisha join our organization and lead it into the future," said Edmund Marquez, chair of the BGCT board of directors. "She brings a deep background in nonprofit management as well as international, national and regional experience at high levels. And, as a Tucsonan, she knows our community."

Tallman comes to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tucson (BGCT) as the new President and CEO with more than 20 years of experience leading nonprofit organizations at the national, state and local levels. Her experience spans program development, service delivery, litigation, public policy education, and advocacy at the intersection of both poverty and education.

As CEO, her responsibilities include leading the organization's strategic direction, oversight of organizational operations, financials, programming, brand reputation, talent recruitment,

resource development, and stakeholder relationships. The CEO also serves as the organization's primary ambassador and lead communicator. In partnership with her team, she will oversee the organization's Clubs.

"As we welcome Tisha to BGCT, the board and staff and join me in thanking Tony Penn for the exceptional job he has done leading BGCT as interim CEO for the past year."

Tallman's experience is extensive, having served at the pleasure of a former U.S. President, a former Mexican President, several mayors, a county CEO, and national, state, and local organizations on commissions, committees, boards, advisory councils, and special panels and convenings on education, workforce development, economic development, and more.

She is a former member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of American National Latino Advisory Council. She is especially excited to be able to bring her professional experiences in workforce development and education programming and service delivery to BGCT.

Tallman is a mom originally from Iowa, having worked in Minnesota, Georgia, and, most recently, Tucson since 2022. As a life-long learner, she has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Iowa in Political Science and Journalism, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Law, and an MBA, master's in business administration, from Emory University, Goizueta Business School. She also holds certifications, certificates, and accolades in secondary fields including coding and data analytics.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson

For more than 60 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson has helped keep thousands of local children engaged in after-school and summer programming. Clubs provide daily access to a broad range of programs focused on character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, and sports, fitness and recreation. The organization currently serves more than 6,000 youth ages 7–17 through its local clubhouses and outreach programs. To learn more about Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson, visit bgctucson.org or call (520) 573-3533.