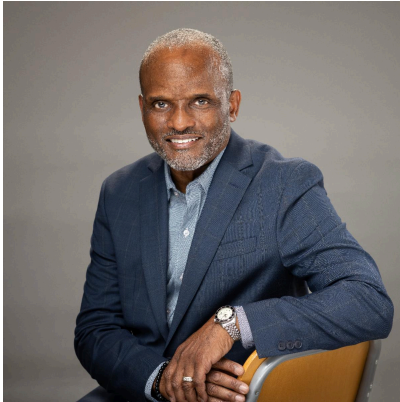




April Newsletter

Message from our Interim CEO



Dear Friends,

This has been a very busy and exciting Spring for us!

We are proud and very grateful to be the recipient of Angel Charities for Children's largest grant of 2026. Those generous funds will be put to great use updating the facility and equipment at our Steve Daru Club. We hope you'll watch for Angels' upcoming events and support their important work in this community.

We celebrated the accomplishments of our Club kids, including Aubrianna, Tucson's Youth of the Year. She represented us with poise and confidence at the Arizona state competition.

Rambunctious Press selected Rilya, one of our teen members from the Pascua Yaqui Club, to publish one of her poems in their 9th volume book.

Members from the Roy Drachman Clubhouse attended the Smart Families, Safe Community Family Night at Sunnyside High School. We shared information about our programs and opportunities at this event, which promoted community safety in the Tucson area.

Special thanks to all of you who supported our life-changing work with contributions through Arizona Gives Day. Your gifts allow us to give young people in this community the tools, mentoring and positive experiences in a safe environment to put them on the road to lifelong success.

With gratitude,
Tony Penn
Interim CEO

**Aubrianna Shines at the Arizona
Youth of the Year Competition**

**Rilya Published in Rambunctious
Press Volume 9**



Aubrianna, Tucson's Youth of the Year from the Roy Drachman Clubhouse, represented BGCT at the Arizona Youth of the Year Competition in April. Her hard work and dedication paid off and we could not be more proud of her!



We are so inspired by Rilya, one of our teens from the Pascua Yaqui Clubhouse. Her poem was selected for publication in Rambunctious Press Volume 9. On April 16th, she was honored at the grand ceremony, standing tall and proud of her incredible accomplishment. The book is now available on Amazon!

Pascua Yaqui Clubhouse Completes First Seatakaa Session



Our Pascua Yaqui teens completed their first session of the Seatakaa program, learning powerful cultural lessons from tribal elders of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in communication, respect, patience, compassion, growth, community, honesty, and gratitude.

These lessons will now be incorporated into our daily programming for all Club members.

BGCT Leadership Attends Angel Charity's Halo Fiesta



CEO Tony Penn and COO Julie Trujillo represented BGCT at Angel Charity's Halo Fiesta on April 19th. As Angel Charity's Impact Grant Beneficiary, BGCT will use the grant funding to support renovations and equipment upgrades at the Steve Daru Clubhouse.

Easter Egg Hunt at Jim & Vicki Click Clubhouse

Roy Drachman Clubhouse Promotes Community Safety



Eggs, smiles, and good times! Our kids enjoyed a fantastic Easter egg hunt and we loved every moment of it. This is what community looks like!



The Roy Drachman Clubhouse participated in the Smart Families, Safe Communities Family Night at Sunnyside High School on April 22nd, an event focused on promoting community safety and reducing gun violence in Tucson. The team also shared information about BGCT's programs and opportunities available to youth and families in our community.

AZ Gives Day



Thank You, Tucson! We are overwhelmed with gratitude for everyone who showed up for Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson on AZ Gives Day! Your donations go directly toward the safe spaces, caring mentors, and life-changing programs that make BGCT a cornerstone of our community.

From all of us at BGCT, thank you! If you did not get a chance to donate, it is not too late. You can support BGCT year-round [here](#).

Great Futures Start Here



Meet Chris, one of the incredible young members at Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson.

Through BGCT's Money Matters program, Chris is learning the value of financial literacy, building healthy money habits, and beginning to think about his future goals after high school. Through Power Hour, BGCT's homework help program, Chris is developing responsibility and taking ownership of his academic success, knowing that the support and resources he needs are right there at the Club.

Chris is just one of thousands of Tucson youth whose life is being shaped by the programs and people at BGCT every single day. Your gift to Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson qualifies for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. Individuals can receive up to \$495 and couples up to \$987, with every dollar staying right here in Tucson.

Click [here](#) to make your donation today and change a life!

Big Adventures Await This Summer

A promotional banner for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson Summer Program. The banner features the organization's logo in the top left corner. The main title "SUMMER PROGRAM Spotlight" is prominently displayed in large, colorful, stylized letters. Below the title, a blue banner contains the text "Ready to make this summer unforgettable? Our programs are filling fast — now is the time to sign up!". Further down, a green banner states "SPOTS ARE LIMITED!". At the bottom, a blue banner with a white arrow icon says "REGISTER TODAY AT BGCTUCSON.ORG". The background of the banner is a photograph of two young girls sitting at a table, smiling and engaged in an activity, with other children visible in the background.

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Summer Program Registration is Open!

This summer, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson has something for every kid! From hands-on activities and skill-building programs to new friendships and nonstop fun, our summer programs are designed to keep Tucson youth engaged, inspired, and growing all summer long.

Whether your child is looking to learn, explore, or stay active, we have them covered. Space is limited and registration is open now, so do not wait to get them signed up!

[Register today](#) and make this their best summer yet!

Help us continue to inspire and support Tucson's youth! Your donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson creates life-changing opportunities every day.

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