



June Newsletter

Message from our Interim CEO



Dear Friends,

Summer at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tucson kicked off with strong community support and learning opportunities for our Club kids.

We all know this time of year water is crucial. Thank you to Fry's Food Stores for not only contributing – and delivering – 4,000 bottles of water to our Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse but topping it off with a \$10,000 donation.

Slick City Action Park, an indoor slide park/family entertainment center, supported our Summer Camp program by inviting Club kids from each Clubhouse to celebrate the opening of their new Tucson park with an afternoon of free play, but also giving BGCT a donation of \$1,000,

As we launch our annual campaign, please know we are very grateful for your donations, which make all we do possible. For every dollar invested in our BGCT youth, \$9.60 is returned in strong community impact.

Arizona State Troopers spent time with our kids at Roy Drachman Clubhouse as part of our Career Launch and MyFutures summer program. The kids learned how each fingerprint is unique and how Troopers use fingerprints, as well as what it takes to become a State Trooper.

The Roy Drachman Clubhouse Keystone teen club raised money all school year to go to fund a trip to California. Where they toured Biola University and University of California Fullerton before wrapping up the visit with a fun day at Disneyland.

Along with 200 parents, donors, Club kids and BGCT team members, I was inspired, as always, as we celebrated our Youth of the Year, honoring a citywide winner and runner-up and winners from each of our Clubhouses. They spoke confidently and passionately about what BGCT has meant to them and what next. Almost all their future plans included higher education or military service.

The future is in good hands.

With gratitude,

Tony Penn
Interim CEO

Youth of the Year Celebration



Earlier this month, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson celebrated its 35th Annual Youth of the Year Celebration, honoring outstanding young people from across six Tucson Clubhouses. From overcoming personal challenges to leading clubs, organizing community service, and pursuing higher education, this year's honorees are a powerful reminder of what becomes possible when young people have access to the right resources, mentors, and opportunities. Through programs focused on leadership, education, career development, and life skills, BGCT works every day to help Tucson's youth build confidence, discover their potential, and shape their futures.

That work is made possible through the generosity of donors who believe every child deserves a safe place to learn and grow. With the launch of its 2026 Annual Campaign, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson is inviting the community to help ensure no child is turned away due to financial hardship. A gift to the Annual Campaign helps keep year-round membership at just \$20 and all-day summer camp at \$70, providing thousands of Southern Arizona children with a safe environment, educational programs, transportation, nutritious meals, and caring mentors.

[Contribute to the Annual Campaign](#)

[California College Tour](#)



[Slick City Gives Back](#)



Roy Drachman's Keystone Club teens spent the school year fundraising for a fully paid trip to California and they made it happen! Members got an up-close look at Biola University and UC Fullerton, with many experiencing their first time out of state and their first glimpse of the ocean. They wrapped up the adventure with a day at Disneyland. For many of these teens, this trip made the idea of college feel real and within reach.

Investing in Healthy Kids



We're proud to recognize Arizona Complete Health for their grant award supporting health and wellbeing initiatives across our Clubs. Their investment is helping us create healthier environments and experiences for our members every day. Thank you, Arizona Complete Health!

Slick City Action Park chose Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson as their nonprofit partner for their Tucson grand opening. Club kids from each Clubhouse enjoyed a free afternoon of slides and air courts, and Slick City topped it off with a \$1,000 donation to BGCT. We're so grateful to have them as a new community partner in Tucson!

Behind the Badge



Roy Drachman welcomed Arizona State Troopers for a hands-on visit through our Career Launch and MyFutures summer programs. Beyond the fingerprint demonstration, Troopers opened up about their own paths to the badge, giving our members an honest look at what a career in public service can look like and how to get there.

Hydrated and Nourished All Summer Long

In honor of National Hydration Day, Fry's Food Stores showed up big for our Club kids! Their generous donation of 4,000 water bottles, delivered straight to our Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse, was a perfect fit for the hottest time of year in Tucson. To top it off, Fry's presented BGCT with a \$10,000 check supporting our Nourishing Future: Healthy Meals & Snacks program. We are so grateful for their commitment to keeping Tucson youth healthy all summer long!





Big Adventures Await This Summer



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF TUCSON**

SUMMER PROGRAM

Adventures are waiting this summer!
From splash pads and museums to the zoo and more, there is something for every kid.



Fine Arts & Crafts



Life Skills Groups



Leadership Clubs



Triple Play



SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

REGISTER TODAY AT BGCTUCSON.ORG

Summer Program Registration is Open!

This summer, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson is the place to be! Our programs are designed to keep Tucson youth learning, growing, and having the time of their lives from June 1st through July 17th. Whether your child is an athlete, an artist, a future leader, or an adventurer, there is something here for them.

Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are served daily and all of this is available for just **\$70 for the entire summer**. 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.

Donate Today!



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