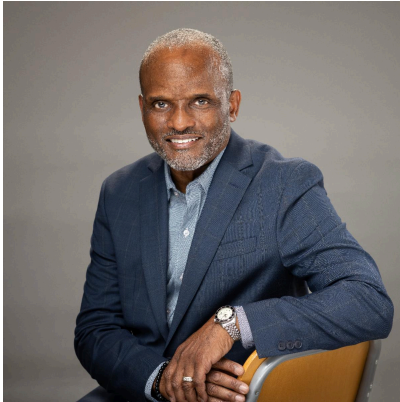




May Newsletter

Message from our Interim CEO



Dear Friends,

As the school year winds down, we congratulate BGCT's graduating Club kids and their families. Education is at the heart of a successful future and we're very proud of our role in charting that path. Nationwide, 97% of Club kids expect to graduate high school and 81% of seniors have applied for post-secondary education. Here's to their ongoing success!

Recently the Adia Barnes Leadership Academy offered about 100 of our young ladies an experience building confidence, awareness and a sense of belonging. The girls from multiple Clubs played basketball, participated in skills training, cheer, and worked the score tables — making it an inclusive experience for all members, not just athletes. Programs like this help young girls build confidence, teamwork, leadership skills and lifelong memories both on and off the court.

On June 1, our Summer Program kicks off and runs through July 17. Highlights include:

- Summer Brain Gain READ & STEM
- Fine Arts & Arts and Crafts
- Physical Activities
- Life Skills Groups
- Leadership Clubs
- Field Trips including splash pads, Skate Country, Children's Museum, movies and the zoo

Coming up June 3 is our annual Youth of the Year celebration, honoring outstanding Club kids from every Clubhouse as well as overall community winners. We'll have all the highlights in the next newsletter.

That's also when we'll kick off our annual campaign to raise funds to help BGCT thrive, grow and serve even more young people. Supporting the campaign helps us continue to give our Club kids exceptional support and direction for life-changing results.

With gratitude,

Tony Penn
Interim CEO

Adia Barnes Leadership Academy

The Adia Barnes Leadership Academy was an incredible opportunity for young ladies across our Clubhouses to come together, support one another, and discover what they are truly capable of. The event went far beyond the basketball court, creating a welcoming space where every girl had a role to play, whether competing, cheering on their teammates, or keeping score. It was a powerful reminder that leadership and belonging look different for everyone, and that is exactly the kind of environment Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson strives to create every single day.



Celebrating Our Class of 2026



More Teens Graduate with Boys & Girls Clubs

Congratulations to all of our Tucson graduates!

America Graduates WITH Club Kids

Your hard work, dedication, and resilience have brought you to this incredible milestone and we are beyond proud of every single one of you. Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson has had the honor of being part of your journey, and watching you grow into the confident, capable young people you are today is the greatest reward. Go out there, chase your dreams, and know that your Club family is cheering you on every step of the way!

Thank You Long Realty Cares Foundation for Healthy Snacks

We are proud to recognize the Long Realty Cares Foundation for their generous support of our Boys & Girls Clubs. Thanks to their funding, our members have access to healthy snacks that help fuel learning, play, and positive growth each day.

Nutritious food is an important part of creating a safe and supportive environment for the youth we serve, and partnerships like this make a meaningful difference in the lives of our Club kids. We are deeply grateful to the Long Realty Cares Foundation for investing in the health and well-being of our community's youth.

Great Futures Start Here



Meet Jeraya, a 14-year-old member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson

When Jeraya first walked through our doors three years ago, he was shy and mostly kept to himself. Today, he is one of our strongest Club representatives and a 2026 Youth of the Year runner-up. Jeraya is pictured above (far right) at the Arizona Bowl alongside a fellow Club member and Program Director, Jaime.

His transformation did not happen overnight. Through BGCT's Passport to Manhood program, Jeraya learned the importance of mental and physical health, self-advocacy, and what it truly means to show up for yourself and others. Over time, he grew into a confident leader who models resilience, optimism, and creativity for the younger members around him.

His goals are nothing short of remarkable. Jeraya maintains a 3.6 GPA, participates in his school's JROTC program, is a member of the Davis Mountains Base Civil Air Patrol, and is

actively working toward his dream of attending the Colorado Air Force Academy to become an Air Force pilot.

Jeraya often shares that the Club pushed him beyond his comfort zone and helped him become the leader he was always meant to be. That is exactly what Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson is here to do.

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



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.

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