



Special message from our CEO, Denise Watters



Happy New Year! I hope you had an amazing holiday season and are energized and ready to take on the year ahead!

There's something special about the start of a new year—an undeniable sense of excitement and possibility. With a bold new direction, we're set to make 2025 a year like no other.

Of course, with change comes uncertainty. It's normal to feel apprehensive, but remember, growth and transformation are always accompanied by challenges. However, these very challenges open the door to endless opportunities. While we can't predict what's ahead, we can stand firm on the foundation of our shared mission, values, and traditions. These anchors, combined with our collective resilience, will help us overcome any hurdles and continue making a powerful impact in the lives of our youth.

Take a moment to reflect on our mission: *to provide young people in our community, especially those who need us most, with a clear path to reach their full potential and pursue their dreams.* This mission is our guiding force, uniting us in the pursuit of something bigger than ourselves.

As we look ahead to the year, I'm filled with gratitude for all we've achieved together, and with anticipation for the future we're creating. The journey ahead is full of promise, and I have no doubt that we will continue to change lives in ways we can't even yet imagine.

Let's make 2025 unforgettable!

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Emeritus Board Inductions



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF TUCSON

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson wishes to recognize those who have helped us attain and maintain the distinction as one of the best youth-serving organizations, both locally and nationally.

This year, we are honoring nine dedicated long-term members by inducting them into Emeritus status in appreciation of their hard work and commitment. These esteemed individuals are:



- Kym Adair
- Lisa Bayless
- Laura Feemster
- Kelle Maslyn
- Catherine Morton
- Debbie Wagner
- Jana Westerbeke
- Jim Zarling
- Todd Bisbocci

Celebrating Our Mission and Honoring Dedicated Leaders at the Annual Meeting.

A special highlight of the event was the induction of dedicated board members into Emeritus Status. Their unwavering commitment to our cause has played a pivotal role in shaping the future of the Clubs and the lives of the young people we serve. We are incredibly grateful for their leadership and contributions over the years.

As we move forward, we remain inspired by their example and committed to empowering the next generation of leaders.

Here's to continuing to inspire, uplift, and create opportunities for the youth of Tucson!

Telos Strenght
Contribution

New Board members visit to Clubhouses



Recently, our new board members had the opportunity to tour our Teen Tech at our Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse and Workforce Readiness Center, currently under construction, and our Steve Daru Clubhouse.

During the visit, our board members gained firsthand insight into the progress of Holmes Turtle Teen Tech and Workforce Readiness Center which will play a key role in supporting our community's youth and workforce development. It is designed to equip young people with the skills and experience they need for future careers.

Bruce Foundation
Donation



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Telos Strength for their generous donation! Your support will make a significant impact on our youth, helping to enhance their experience during Club activities.

Thank you, **Telos Strength**, for your kindness and generosity!

Veronica Beard Fundraising

We're excited to share that Veronica Beard is generously donating a portion of all online orders now through the end of March to support our mission! Your purchases will help provide our youth with the tools and opportunities they need to build a brighter future.

Don't miss out – shop now and help us



We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Bruce Foundation for their generous contribution to our mission. Your support is instrumental in helping us open doors for greater futures and providing opportunities for the youth in our community to thrive.

Thanks to your commitment, we are able to continue empowering and inspiring the next generation of leaders. Together, we're making a lasting impact!

Thank you, **Bruce Foundation**.

Grow Tucson Resource Fair



On January 25th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson Jim & Vicki Click Clubhouse hosted the Grow Tucson Resource Fair from 9 AM to 12 PM. The event brought together local organizations and community resources to offer attendees valuable services and information.

The fair provided a unique opportunity for

make a difference!

community members to connect with various organizations and discover resources ranging from educational support to wellness tips and other essential services. With a wide variety of offerings, the event aimed to make a meaningful impact on those seeking ways to improve their lives.

Attendees were able to engage with representatives from multiple sectors, gaining insights and information that will help them access support in their personal and professional lives.

Arizona Bowl 2024



We're thrilled to share that Snoop Dogg made a special appearance at the Arizona Bowl and our youth had the amazing opportunity to attend this unforgettable event! Not only did they get to watch an exciting football game, but they were also able to participate in the show and experience the energy of this one-of-a-kind event.

A huge thank you to the Arizona Bowl for making this possible and giving our youth the chance to be part of such an incredible experience!

Make your Arizona Tax Donation today



Don't forget – there is still time to make a tax credit donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson and help support our local youth! Your donation not only benefits the next generation but also provides you with a credit on your Arizona state taxes.

Please Donate [here](#) now.

Upcoming Events

Swing for the Kids

Youth of the Year



Swing for the Kids Golf Tournament, happening on March 22, 2025, at the beautiful El Conquistador Golf and Tennis in Oro Valley, AZ!

This fun-filled event will help raise funds to support the incredible programs at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson, providing our youth with the resources they need to thrive.

Register Now to secure your spot and be part of this exciting event. Together, we can make a positive impact in our community!



We are excited to announce our Youth of the Year Event on April 26, 2025, at the stunning JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort! The event will begin at 11:00 AM, and we can't wait to celebrate the incredible achievements of our youth and honor their hard work and dedication.

This is a special opportunity to come together, recognize the inspiring young individuals in our community, and show our support for their bright futures.

Mark your calendars – we look forward to seeing you there!

Stay tuned for more details, and get ready for an unforgettable celebration!

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