

Annual Report

2009-2010



Tempe teen Mona Dixon meets President Obama in the Oval Office after being named Boys & Girls Club National Youth of the Year

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE EAST VALLEY





Our Mission

We are a community-based, character building youth development organization. We deliver the highest quality programs and provide opportunities to assist youth and teens in developing their self-esteem, values and skills in a fun and safe environment. Our professionals guide members through personal, educational and social development to realize their full potential and become positive, value-oriented and productive citizens.

Message from our Leadership

Timing is everything. Just when we were down on our luck and finding new ways to bring in revenue, we were lit up with joy when “one of our own” won the highest title a Boys & Girls Club member can hold - National Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year. Mona Dixon is our pride and joy and reminded us this year why we’re doing here in the first place. You’ve probably heard her story by now, a teenager with good grades who lived in shelters and sometimes a sidewalk when her family had nowhere else to turn. Mona came to the Club five years ago needing a place to feel at home, eat something nutritious and get her homework done. She says the Boys & Girls Club was just the place she could turn to. Thanks to the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year program, Mona is now a freshman at ASU enrolled in the Barrett Honors College studying supply chain management and she will never have to worry about how she’s going to pay for college because through our Youth of the Year program, she received more than \$130,000. We thank everyone in this annual report for making a difference in Mona’s life and the rest of the 30,000 youth we serve every year. Join us in supporting many more “Mona’s” to come and donate in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.



Although we’re still met with challenges, the 2009-2010 fiscal year was better than the previous year. We’re beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel! We hope you, our supporters, will continue to help us get back on track. Best wishes!

Cindy Creed
Chairman of the Board

Ramon Elias
President/CEO

Fun Facts

- 90% high school graduation rate
- Serving youth since 1963
- 55% male, 45% female and 65% minorities.
- Open 285 days per year
- 34,000 youth served annually
- 1,400 youth served daily
- During the summer we serve more than 1,500 meals each day.
- The median age of a Club member is ten years old.
- We are the only Boys & Girls Club in AZ with its own K-8 charter school, Mesa Arts Academy (MAA).
- MAA is ranked among the top ten charter schools in Arizona and is an Excelling School.

Who We Serve

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley serves more than 34,000 children and teens annually, and continues to grow to meet the needs of today’s youth, providing a positive place for all kids and teens. Serving members in Apache Junction, Chandler, Gilbert, Guadalupe, Mesa, Tempe, Queen Creek, and the Gila River Indian Community, programs are offered after school and during the summer and provide youth and teens, ages 5 - 18, with fun and educational activities, supervised by professional staff. The organization also runs Mesa Arts Academy, a K-8 charter school. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley’s annual membership fee is only \$20 dollars a year and financial assistance is available. No child is ever turned away if they are unable to pay the fee.

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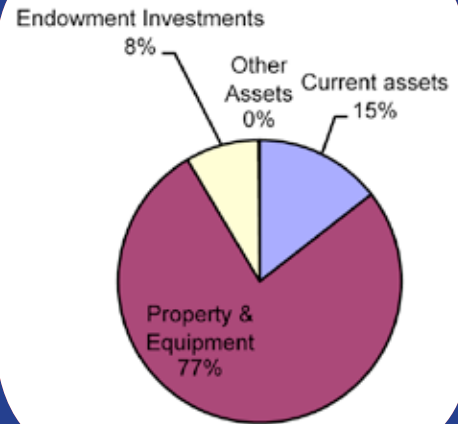
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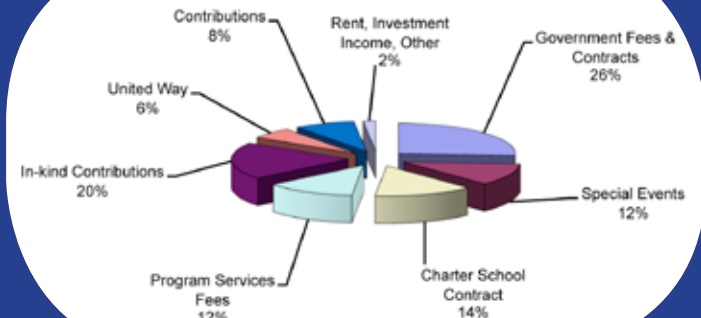
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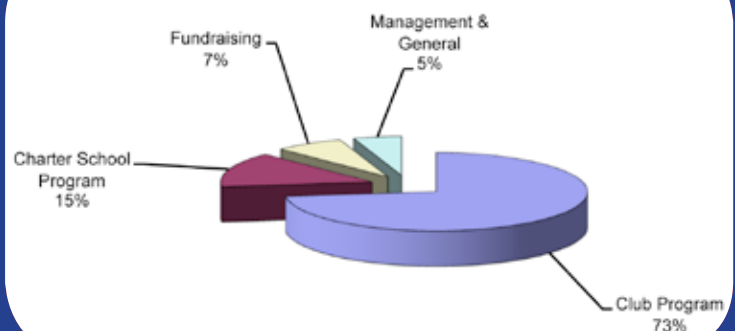
Assets as of June 30, 2010



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National Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Mona Dixon



Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) announced its 64th National Youth of the Year at a Congressional Breakfast on Capitol Hill in mid September. Five outstanding teens from across the nation rose through the local, state and regional levels to make it to

Washington, D.C. to compete for the honor, and it was Mona Dixon, a five-year member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley in Tempe that won the title. As National Youth of the Year, Dixon receives more than \$130,000 to attend college. This includes a \$26,000 scholarship from Reader's Digest; \$11,000 from Tupperware and \$50,000 from The Rick and Susan Goings Foundation.

On a local level, Dixon received \$30,000 in scholarship money; \$20,000 coming from the Victoria Lund Foundation, a supporter of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley plus other local donors including the Fiesta Bowl which underwrites the Arizona Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Competition. Dixon's first two official duties as National Youth of the Year included a press conference with Denzel Washington, where the two addressed the high school dropout crisis in America. Her second duty was meeting with President Obama in the

Oval Office, a dream come true for Dixon. For much of Dixon's life, she and her family were in a constant state of change, moving from one homeless shelter to another in city after city. Her family was often separated on a daily basis to ensure that everyone had a warm place to sleep each night. These difficult and challenging experiences led Dixon to seek out a place that she could call "home."



Five years ago, Dixon found a place to call home when she joined Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley. From her first day at the Ladmo Club, she took advantage of every available opportunity to teach younger children about the importance of being responsible, caring, productive members of society. To help ensure her family's continued stability, Dixon contributes to family income by working part time. She believes in turning setbacks in life into motivators to succeed and uses her story to inspire others. Last spring, Dixon graduated third in her class at Tempe High School with a 3.92 GPA. She was also captain of the basketball team, in National Honor Society, Student Council and the Math Team. Dixon is currently a freshman at Arizona State University pursuing a bachelors degree in business and is enrolled in the Barrett Honors College.



TESTIMONIALS

"I find it kinda amazing that he seems to learning more about socializing from the Boys and Girls Club then he has ever in school. We can finally go to our friend's house and he can play nicely with her kids... he's also doing better in school since starting with you guys."

-Tammy LaViolette
North Tempe Parent



"I like the Boys & Girls Clubs because I have fun. I also like hanging out with my friends and staff... I love the areas like the gym, art room and (Intel Computer) Clubhouse."

~ Tacia S., 11 yrs old/Member for 3 years
Thunderbirds Branch - Guadalupe

"Having three kids, I had spent a small fortune on day care before finding the Boys & Girls Club. The quality of programming and staff are priceless and I am so fortunate to have found the Club."



~ Lori Tracy/Parent of
Taylor, Ethan and
Michael Tracy

"I love the Boys & Girls Club because we get to play fun games with our friends. We get help on our homework from the staff. Me and my sister feel safe here."



~ Mekhi M., 6 years old

"I myself am thankful to the staff for being there for my children, where I know they are well taken care of while I am at work...I also had a great experience along with my daughter Desiree Santos as she was selected for Youth of the Year for the Sacaton Branch. Thank you."

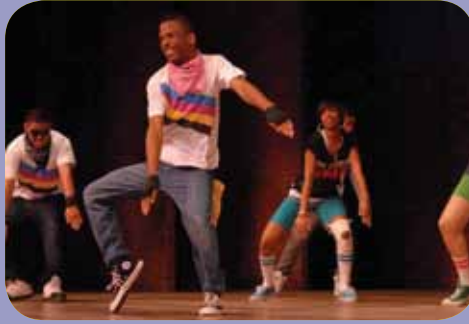
~Virgilyn Talas-Santos
Parent of 4 Club members in Sacaton

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\$500 donations and above are listed below. On behalf of our board of directors, staff and the 34,000 youth we serve every year.. We thank you! If your name should be on our list, but is not, please contact us. We work very hard to keep an accurate record of all donations. If an omission or error should occur, we will correct it immediately. Our donors and supporters are very important to us. Remember, it's never too late to become a donor!

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