

Why I ❤️ the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley...



Analysa M., age 14
Apache Junction Branch

I think the Boys & Girls Club is an awesome place. It is where kids of all ages can come after school, during breaks, or summer break. We have a lot of things to do when you are here, like when your teachers pound you with homework. There is a thing called Power Hour where you can do your homework and if you don't understand it, they will help you.

There is a thing called Torch Club where 7 to 13 year olds can go to anyplace that needs help doing anything. After you reach the age of 14, you belong to Keystone and that is where you do almost the same thing as Torch Club, but you do bigger jobs.

At the Boys & Girls Club, they split you into groups by age. There are various places you go to such as the Discovery Zone, the new computer lab, and the games room.

But what is better than the great outdoors with our basketball court. The Boys & Girls Club is a great place to meet new people. So come to the Boys & Girls Club today!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- January**
Youth Basketball League
*Contact branch for details or visit www.clubzona.org
- February**
Youth Soccer League
Teen Basketball
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- March**
Spring Break Day Camp
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- 6**
Youth of the Year Banquet
Tempe Mission Palms Hotel
6:00pm-8:00pm
- 30**
M&I Bank Bon Vivant
Rawhide at Wild Horse Pass
4:30pm-10:00pm
- April**
18
DR Horton Golf Tournament
Ocotillo Golf Resort
7:00am Shotgun



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The 30th Annual Bids for Kids Auction & Dinner brought in an amazing \$626,135 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley. The event was held Saturday, November 3, 2007 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa. "I am so proud and honored that so many people in our community have truly made a difference in the lives of our club kids tonight," said President/CEO Ramon Elias. "The money helps fund after-school programs like *Power Hour* which helps kids with their homework as soon as they get to the club, MethSmart which teaches the kids to stay away from one of the most dangerous drugs in our society today, plus so many other programs helping make the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley the Positive Place for Kids."

Some items crossing the auction block included a Paddock Play Pool, Chapman Chevrolet 2008 Silverado truck and an autographed guitar by all four Rolling Stones. "There were some great deals, the Silverado truck sold for \$17,000, which is below

Bids for Kids a Success!
Sponsors Help Fund After-School Programs for Nearly 15,000 Children



Miracle Sponsors Elite Communities, TDC Interiors, LifeLock and Priority One Enterprises are honored on stage by Bids for Kids Chairman Lance Marble and Co-chairman Drew Meredith.

its value," said Elias. "The Rolling Stones guitar sold for \$9,000 and for only \$100, one lucky guest won a garage remodel worth \$4,000." During the Fund-a-Kid segment guests were asked to pledge at least \$500, the estimated cost to fund one child for a year. Todd Davis, CEO of LifeLock gave \$10,000 to the organization and was thanked by some of the club members who performed at the event. The evening's honoree was Mr. John Chapman of Chapman Chevrolet. Miracle sponsors included Elite Communities, LifeLock, TDC Interiors and Priority One Enterprises. A classic 1957 Chevy Bel Air was also raffled off and the winner needed not be present to win. Congratulations to Tom Belton of Florida who bought his ticket on our website! The event's theme was Creating Miracles ~ One Child at a Time and Lance Marble was this year's Bids for Kids Chairman. "With the help of the community and valley businesses, Bids for Kids was a success," Marble said. "Our organization feels with such great support will be able to witness more miracles in the future."



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Mr. Jerry Brock and Amy Hayasaka pose in front of the 1957 Chevy Bel Air he donated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley benefiting Bids for Kids. Thank you Mr. Brock!

(from left) Elsa S., Hannah E., Fox 10 Arizona Morning's Cory McCloskey and Nathaniel V. Fox 10 visited Mesa Arts Academy and the Grant Woods Branch-Mesa to promote Day for Kids. Cory also featured MAA's accomplishments including 100% of 8th grade students passing both math and reading portions of the AIMS test. Plus, 100% of both 3rd and 7th grade students passing the AIMS writing test. Congrats MAA!



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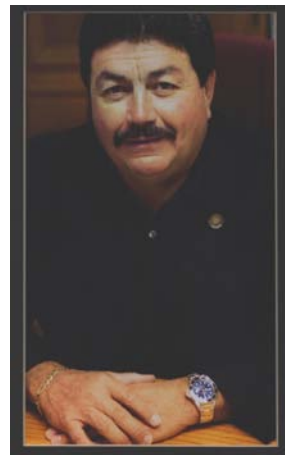


Our Mission

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 safe and fun environment. Our professionals guide members through personal, educational and social development to realize their full potential and become positive, value-oriented and productive citizens.

Our Vision

Be the premiere provider of youth services reaching all youth and teens in the communities we serve.



Seasons Greetings,

As we look back on what we have accomplished this past year, we had some good things happen and some that weren't that great. On the positive side, once again we served more kids than ever. We were able to have a better year financially considering the declining economy, our board members and staff did a great job of keeping

A Message from President/CEO Ramon Elias

the kids the priority. 2008 will bring many exciting things including the building of a new club in Komatke to replace our 60 year old facility. The Gila River Indian Community has put aside \$6.5 million to build a 25,000 square foot facility to serve the children of the west end. We are very grateful to have the Gila River Indian Community as partners. In Chandler, residents voted to approve an \$8.5 million bond to build a 30,000 square foot facility to replace our oldest facility. This building will also be built in 2008-2009. The Chandler Compadres have already stepped up with a \$125,000 commitment to enhance this facility. They are the best civic group in Chandler donating \$4 million to charity. In Apache Junction, we are starting our capital campaign to raise \$2.5 million to construct a new facility. The current building can only hold about 49 kids and we are definitely bursting at the seams! So 2008 will be a very busy year and we look forward to it.

On a sad note, we lost one of our shining stars in August. Anthony Ochoa was the Branch Executive for our Sacaton Branch. Anthony was only 27 years old and passed away in a single car accident driving home from work. The children of Sacaton, the Gila River Indian Community and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley miss him every day. Anthony's passion to help kids and his smile will never be forgotten. We will continue his legacy and serve more kids in that community.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff and most importantly, the children we serve, we hope you have a wonderful 2008 and that all your hopes and dreams become a reality.

Ramon Elias

Congratulations to Ramon Elias for being the **first** executive in the entire state to receive the prestigious **Masters and Mentors Honor** which is the highest honor bestowed upon a Boys & Girls Club professional staff member in the Boys & Girls Clubs movement. Only 30 people have ever received this honor.



Companies who raised \$250+
Meister Family Foundation
Gila River Business Enterprises
Domain Communities
Starbucks
La Familia
Al's Hot Dogs
Tropical Smoothies
Tempe Schools Credit Union

I'm Helping!

The 4th Annual I'm Helping Campaign was a great success. More than 60 East Valley companies lent a helping hand to the children of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley.

Through the month of October, M&I Bank was able to raise nearly \$8,000! Thanks to M&I Bank and to their customers who purchased a \$1 or \$5 pledge card. Thank you to all who helped!

Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley Receives More Than \$40,000 from JCPenney

JCPenney awarded the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley a \$40,000 grant to fund scholarships for the organization's after-school programs, camps and transportation. More than 130 club members were also given a \$50 gift card to purchase winter clothes, shoes and jackets.

The grant benefits the Grant Woods-Mesa Branch, Williams Campus Branch and Compadres- Chandler Branch.

The check was presented to members of the Compadre Branch- Chandler on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at JC Penney's Ahwatukee location.

After the check presentation, JC Penney and Intel employees helped the kids pick out new shoes and winter clothes with the gift certificates they were awarded.



Corporate Board Member & Vice President of Technology Jeanne Forbis and Compadres Branch- Chandler Board President Dawn Jones, both of Intel help club members shop for shoes.



(From left, front row) Teyha Robles, Marcos Figueroa, Abril Vasquez, Dante Cruz Nafarrate, Andres Lames, (Back row:) Andy Delgado, Bill Ahern, JCPenney Manager and Veronica Hernandez

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Connect Your Heart to a Child!

Sign-up for the Guardians for Kids Tax Credit Fund

Guardians for Kids is an annual giving program that ensures every Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley branch will be there for kids in your community. Through Guardians for Kids, 95% of your tax credit gift goes directly to fund Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley programs, including Keystone Club, Youth of the Year, Power Hour, MethSmart, Scholarships and much more. Plus, don't forget our charter school qualifies for the school tax credit!

Sign up today!

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Phoenix Mercury Donate Diana Taurasi Reading Room to Thunderbirds- Guadalupe Branch



The Phoenix Mercury unveiled a brand new Diana Taurasi Reading and Learning Center at the Thunderbirds Guadalupe Branch in early November. Funds were raised at an event hosted by the Phoenix Mercury and Taurasi.

Nike Factory Store and the books, encyclopedias & WNBA also donated computer software. Thanks Phoenix Mercury! money for paint, furniture,

Corporate Board News



Corporate Board Members spent the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving serving meals to more than 500 people who attended the Grant Woods- Mesa Branch's Thanksgiving Dinner.

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Compadre-Chandler Teens Receive Two Awards at Pacific Keystone Conference

Teen members from the Compadre-Chandler Branch received two awards during the Pacific Region Keystone Club Conference in San Marcos, California. Keystone Club is a community-service and leadership development club designed for teenage members of the Boys & Girls Club organization. "I am so proud of my teens," said Terry Kling, Teen Director for the Compadre-Chandler Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley. "They do what they can to make their community better and I'm

happy to see they were recognized for their hard work." The Chandler teens recognized by the Pacific Region Conference include Ayat Sweid, 16; Veronica Hernandez, 18; Estefania Urbina, 16; Gerardo Rico, 17; Sonal Patel, 16 and Gustavo Garcia, 16. The Keystone Club won honors for **Best Project in the Area of Unity for organizing a three-day camp, Best National Keystone Project** and Kling was given the **Advisor of the Year Award**.

Bon Vivant
Sunday
March 30, 2008
Bon Vivant is a fantastic event drawing more than 3,500 people to Rawhide at Wild Horse Pass. Over 300 varieties of wines, beers and non-alcoholic beverages will be sampled. Plus, cuisine from some of the valley's hottest restaurants. To learn more about becoming a Bon Vivant sponsor, vendor or to purchase tickets, call 480.345.CLUB (2582) or visit www.clubzona.org

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