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2011 East Valley Youth of the Year Katelyn Moore of the Grants Woods Branch

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17 year old Katelyn Moore only wishes she had found the Club earlier. For the last two years Katelyn has counted on the Grant Woods Branch in Mesa. She started coming to the Club to volunteer, but it has become a place she counts on for moral support.

Katelyn is one of two children raised by a single mother witnessing countless unhealthy arguments between her parents and not being able to salvage any kind of father-daughter bond. Despite her rough childhood, Katelyn keeps a good head on her shoulders choosing to keep on the right path even when it's not the "cool" thing to do. Katelyn volunteers with an animal rescue group and is involved with the Keystone Club whose mission is to



Toyota Financial Bon Vivant A Celebration of Fine Food & Drink

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Here's a great way to help the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley. Join us **Sunday, March 27th, 5:00-10:00pm** for the 26th Annual **Toyota Financial Bon Vivant** ~ a food and drink tasting event held at Rawhide just in time to celebrate spring! Show up dressed to impress and help raise money for more than 30,000 children and teens who count on the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley every year! Come enjoy...

- Nearly 800 Bashas' wines, liquors, beer garden & non-alcoholic beverages
- *must be 21 to attend
- Cuisine from Valley restaurants
- Live entertainment
- Celebrity judges for our culinary competition!
- Silent auction with hundreds of fantastic items
- VIP ticket holders will also enjoy an exclusive champagne lounge and saki tastings.

create leaders who give back.

Katelyn graduates from Hamilton High School in spring of 2011 and plans to stay in the Mesa area and go to community college for the first two years. She will then transfer to the University of Arizona where she would like to study secondary education and receive a Masters in Psychology. Katelyn would like to someday get married, adopt children and even write an uplifting book for teens filled with photography and poetry. Congrats Katelyn!

S-p-e-l-l-i-n-g Bee Champs! We keep em' spelling all day long

Every year we hold a spelling bee at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley. Members from across the East Valley meet on a Saturday morning in February and are separated by grade. Judges dwindle it down to one winner per grade. This year we also added a Quiz Bowl (think family fued meets trivial pursuit). Congrats to the following:



- 2nd grade winner - Skylar Catania (*Queen Creek Branch*)
- 3rd grade winner - Noah Jay (*Apache Junction Branch*)
- 4th grade winner- Delaney Howard (*Ladmo Branch - Tempe*)
- 5th grade winner- Mark Duran (*Ladmo Branch - Tempe*)
- 6th grade winner- Marcus Velez (*Ladmo Branch - Tempe*)
- Jr. high winner- Kaitlyn Brown

Let's Go Dbacks, Let's Go! Visiting Gila River Branch - Komatke

Over the years the Arizona Diamondbacks have been comitted to visiting our two branches in the Gila River Indian Community. The community loves baseball and the last couple of years the Arizona Diamondbacks organization has gone the extra mile by bringing professional training staff along with four players to show the kids how it's done! Jarrod Parker, Sam Demel, John Hester and Konrad Schmidt also got the chance to hang out in the teen center and play foosball with the kids. Thanks Dbacks!



+ [View photos from their visit here](#)

Save the Date! Other great events benefiting our Clubs and members...

- 3/14-25 Spring Break Camp
- 3/27 Bon Vivant at Rawhide
- 4/11 Soccer League Begins
- 4/2 Golf Fore Kids benefiting AJ Branch at Toka Sticks Golf Course
- 4/10 Poker Tournament benefiting Ladmo Branch - Tempe
- 4/15 Gilbert Branch Golf Tournament at Kokopeli Golf Course



For more information contact 480.820.3688 or email info@clubzona.org

(Gilbert Branch)

- 2011 Quiz Bowl Champions
*(Thunderbirds Branch -
Guadalupe)*

Why I LOVE <3 <3 <3 the Boys & Girls Club



"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., 11yrs old/Member for 3 years
Thunderbirds Branch - Guadalupe

Some of our Supporters



Thanks to Cox Communications for donating more than \$12,000 to BGCEV as part of Cox Charities!



Thanks to Dunkin Donuts for raising money at your stores across the valley, donating donuts to our Goldwater Tennis Classic and for donuts at the Club!



Congrats Amy Busemma of Toshiba! Winner of our 2010 Ford Escape Hybrid Car Raffle last Fall. The raffle raised \$45,000! Thanks San Tan Ford!

Thank you Tempe Diablos for your 2011 Contribution of \$70,000!



Our Corporate Board of Directors Welcomes...



- Andrew Reese, Supply & Demand Chain Exec Magazine
- Deena Ross, FNF Construction Co.
- Jeremy Waters, Smart Shopper
- Aaron Kaslow, Heritage Bank

Board member Andrew Reese playing Connect Four with a Mesa Club member.

Free Day Pass!

Join us for Summer Day Camp! Best deal in town. Under \$100 a week can't be beat! That's less than \$20 a day. All Clubs open 7am-6pm (North Tempe opens at 7:30am). Ten branches serving parents who live and/or work in the East Valley. We offer fun and educational activities including field trips, computer labs, arts & crafts, various sports and much more. Ages 5-13. Visit www.clubzona.org for the location near you.

Offer Expires: 06/10/11 *Free day pass for new members only. Parent must be present.

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