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### Good-bye to Summer '07!

Summer '07 was not only a lot of fun for our club kids, it was a safe place to go for more than 14,700 children! Thanks to everyone who made our Summer Camps a success!



### Join us!

**Bids  
for  
kids**  
AUCTION & DINNER

Buy your tickets today for the **30th Annual Bids for Kids Auction & Dinner**. This is your chance to be part of something really special. Bids for Kids will be held Saturday, November 30, 2007 from 5:30pm-Midnight at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa in Chandler. Join us for an evening of dinner, entertainment and an exciting live & silent auction. For ticket information or to learn how your company can donate an item to our auction call 480.345.CLUB, visit [www.clubzona.org](http://www.clubzona.org) or email [cindy@clubzona.com](mailto:cindy@clubzona.com). See you there!

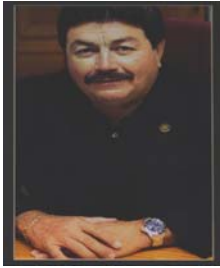
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## A Message from our President, Ramon Elias



Greeting Friends,

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley kept very busy this past summer and we're off to a great start this school year. All after school programs are doing terrific including NFL Flag Football, Skill Tech and Power Hour. If you haven't visited one of our branches in awhile, I strongly encourage you to do so! You won't regret it! We're also gearing up for quite a few events including Boys & Girls Clubs Day for Kids and our 30th Annual Bids for Kids Auction & Dinner. This year, we're also raffling off a 1957 Chevy Bel Air 2-door, hardtop. A photo of the car is included in this newsletter.

Finally, our Board of Directors has been such a tremendous asset to our organization putting in long hours to make the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley what it is today. It makes me proud to see all that we've accomplished in the 35 years that I've been with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley. See you all at Bids for Kids!

*Ramon Elias*

## A Community that Cares...



On April 13, 2007 D.R. Horton sold out its inaugural golf tournament that benefited the BGCEV. Keith Hoffman, Project Manager & Ron Colwell, V.P. of Construction presented a check for \$32,000 to Ramon Elias, President/CEO and the kids of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley. Through D.R. Horton's support, hundreds of children will continue to receive quality programs and services. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual D.R. Horton Golf Tournament will be held April 18, 2008 at the Ocotillo Golf Club. To get

involved or for more information contact 480-820-3688. Thank you D.R. Horton!

## Day for Kids 2007

On Saturday, September 15, 2007 our 11 branches will be celebrating Boys & Girls Clubs Day for Kids. This is a day to celebrate the more than 14,700 kids we get to serve every day! You don't need to be a member to attend, so check us out! All 11 branches have something special planned for the kids. Please visit <http://www.clubzona.com/about-us/dayforkids.aspx> for more information or call 480-345-CLUB today!



Welcome Aboard!



We are pleased to announce the addition of two members to our Board of Directors. We know you both will continue to be a tremendous asset to our organizations. Thank you!

Michael Mason of Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Claudio Silva of Wells Fargo Bank (no photo available)

### I'm Helping!

The 4th Annual I'm Helping Campaign has been a great success. We have had nearly 60 East Valley companies partner up with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley. Make sure to pick-up your *I'm Helping* pledge card at any East Valley M&I Bank near you through the month of October. Thanks to the following for raising more than \$250 for kids programs!



Miester Family Foundation- \$1,000

Gila River Business Enterprises- \$1,215

Domain Communities

Starbucks

La Familia

Al's Hot Dogs

Tropical Smoothies

Tempe Schools Credit Union

### Book, Books and more Books!



Through the month of August, Borders Book Stores held a book drive for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley. On August 22nd, several of the clubs kids from the Grant Woods-Mesa Branch stopped by Borders to say thank you! They also got to meet Mesa resident Marilyn Reiling and thank her for donating a book during her visit to Borders. Great job Borders!

### A Tribute...



We would like to honor the life of Anthony Ochoa, Junior. Anthony worked in the Boys & Girls Clubs movement for more than seven years. The last five years were dedicated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley-Sacaton Branch where he was Branch Executive. Donations for the Ochoa Family's funeral expenses can be made payable to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley- Anthony Ochoa Jr.

Fund.

We would also like to pay tribute to the life of Carol Smith. Carol Smith was a long-time supporter of our Ladmo-Tempe Branch. She will be missed dearly by the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley.

### Classic Car Raffle



Buy your raffle tickets now and win a  
**1957 Chevy Bel Air 2-door, Hardtop**  
For photo gallery & rules, visit  
[www.clubzona.org](http://www.clubzona.org)

#### Save the Date!

#### Upcoming Events...

Sep 15- Day for Kids/Various Locations, contact (480)345-CLUB for more info

Sep 29- World Wide Day of Play- USA Skateland Chandler

Oct 28- Arizona Techathon/Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale-Vestar Branch

Nov 03- Bids for Kids/Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa

Nov 17- Gila River Golf Tournament/Whirlwind Golf Course

Dec 08- Queen Creek Holiday Festival & Parade/Desert Mountain Park

Dec 13- Guardians for Kids Kick-off Breakfast/Fiesta Inn, Tempe

Mar 30- Bon Vivant/Rawhide @ Wild Horse Pass

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley ([www.clubzona.org](http://www.clubzona.org)) serves more than 14,700 members, 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, ages 6 - 18, with fun and educational activities, supervised by professional staff.

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