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Dear Boys & Girls Clubs Supporters,

"Happy new year" takes on new meaning come July 1st for Boys and Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley.

We turn the financial pages over and begin a new fiscal year! Our four Clubs are bustling with happy kids who attend a full action-packed program all day long, five days a week. July is also when the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) hosts the National Keystone Conference for Boys & Girls Club teens from all across the globe. Eighteen of our local Keystone members will engage and socialize with peers, explore relevant issues, and develop skills to support and enhance efforts in their local Boys & Girls Clubs and communities. Keystone Clubs provide leadership development opportunities for young people ages 14 to 18. Youth participate in activities in three focus areas: **academic success, career preparation and community service**. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Clubs aim to have a positive impact on members, the Club and community. Our kids performed community service to earn enough points to attend this popular summer gathering!



Having recently returned from BGCA's 116th National Conference in Chicago, many accomplishments were celebrated, one of which we are very proud of on a local



Tony Reagins Alumni Association Scholarship Golf Tournament Committee members Stan Krause, Tony Reagins, Quinton Egson and Dave Ison with Mike Scioscia (center).

level: the induction of alum **Tony Reagins** into BGCA's Alumni Hall of Fame. As Major League Baseball's Chief Baseball Development Officer, Tony joined the roster of other notable alums – **Denzel Washington, Jennifer Lopez, Shaq O'Neal** - in a



Actor Courtney Vance poses with Tony Reagins and BGCA's Youth of the Year at BGCA's National Conference.

ceremony attended by **Dave Ison**, Executive Director of the Indio Club at the time Tony attended well over 40 years ago.

What a week for Tony who then then flew the following week from his NY home to the desert to host his annual *Tony Reagins Alumni Association Scholarship Golf Tournament*. Even former MLB catcher and Angels manager **Mike Scioscia** participated in this successful event to assist our Club members with college tuition. On that note, this year your support also helped send 22 students on to either begin or continue their higher education. **Below is a list of our 2022/2023 college scholarship recipients.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Academic Major</u>
Mariela Aguilar	CSU-San Bernardino	Psychology
Ethan Yockey*	Howard University	Chemical Engineering
Briceyda Cabrera*	CSU-San Bernardino	Business Administration
Itari Romero	CSU-San Bernardino	Psychology
Francisco Torres*	College of the Desert	Criminology
Miguel Milan*	CSU-San Bernardino	Music
Blanca Almada	Grand Canyon University	English

Sara Cabello*	College of the Desert	Nursing
Elizabeth Cota*	Hope International Univ.	Kinesiology
Melanie Gonzalez	UC-Santa Barbara	Linguistics
Jordan Silva*	College of the Desert	Criminal Science
Alejandro Morales*	College of the Desert	Undeclared
Jesus Morales*	College of the desert	Criminal Science
Jeremiah Mejia	CSU-Fullerton	Law & Government
Daniel Cid	CSU-San Marcos	Sociology
Veronica Gomez	CSU-Long Beach	Education
America Guillen	San Diego State University	Mechanical Engineering
Adriana Torres	Stanford University	Political Science
Erasmio Rivas	UC-Santa Barbara	Mathematics
Kymani Nix	California Baptist University	Business Administration
Bernice Espinoza	College of the Desert	Pre-Med
Michael Powell	College of the Desert	Business Administration
* Freshman		

We recently received a thank you note from a newly-graduated scholarship recipient. He not only thanked the Club profusely for his scholarship assistance. He was also very appreciative for the many years of the personal mentoring support he received, recalling the back packs filled with school supplies that his parents could never afford. We have some really, really great partners who love doing things for our kids. Recently, **Toyota of the Desert** and **Honda of the Desert** filled backpacks with school supplies and distributed science kits and microscopes to our Clubs. Thank you General Managers **Anthony Caridi** (and BGCoFV board member!) and former Club alum **Gil Ruttenberg**! This month, **SunLine Transit Agency** is asking the community to help pack a bus with school supplies for our Club members and **Kaiser Permanente** will be donating backpacks as well. Sometimes it's the small things that loom very large in making someone's dream of a better future become a true reality.

I close wanting to reassure you that your support dollars are appreciated and well invested in helping us to save and enhance young lives. In November 2021, *Chronicles of Philanthropy* ranked BGCA in **the Top Ten for America's Favorite Charities!** We can all be proud of this news!

Thank you and best always,



Quinton Egson
President & CEO
40 Years of Service



A word from our Board Chair, Lee Osborne



The month of July also launches "Zoom Zoom" season: selling raffle tickets for the September 23rd **"Don Roberts, Sr. Car Drawing Event"** associated with the Southwestern Growers golf tournament, now in its 57th year. The lucky winner can choose to zoom around in a **2023 Corvette*** from sponsor **Jessup Auto Plaza** OR take the \$45,000 cash-out option. Only 400 tickets will be sold! Ticket purchasers and a guest are invited to attend the car drawing dinner. **Tickets are \$400 and can be purchased by calling Susan Ogrodnick, 760/836-1160, Ext. 101.** Tee flag sponsorships are available too for \$1,000 and qualifies you to become a member of our President's Circle. Hope to see you at the Bermuda Dunes Country Club for this very fun car drawing event!

**Winner can choose a new Cadillac, Buick, GMC, or Chevrolet vehicle of like value.*