

# Quick Facts on Our Premier Community Giving Local Charitable Partners



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE BIG BEND

## MISSION

Enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

## VISION

A future in which the Boys & Girls Club Movement is a catalyst for an age in which success is within the reach of every child, and whole generations of children are inspired to a level of civic engagement not seen since the founding of our nation.

## PROGRAMS NURTURE SELF-ESTEEM

The Boys & Girls Clubs are uniquely positioned to make a difference in the lives of America's underserved youth because of their dedicated youth facilities that are open daily, have professional staff and are available and affordable to all youth.

The Clubs offer diverse program activities in five areas:

- Character and Leadership Development
- Education and Career Development
- Health and Life Skills
- The Arts
- Sports, Fitness and Recreation

## PROOF POSITIVE RESULTS: CLUBS CHANGE LIVES

Source: BGCA's 2007 National Alumni Survey conducted by Harris Interactive

- 67% said the Club "helped me develop goals and aspirations"
- 84% said participating in the Club "had a favorable impact on my family"
- 57% said the Club "really saved my life"

## RECOGNITION

- Top charity based on cost-effective use of donor dollars  
Source: *Forbes*, *SmartMoney*, *Newsweek* and *U.S. News and World Report*
- Placed #1 among youth organizations for the 15th consecutive year  
Source: 2008 "Philanthropy 400" report
- 4 star rating (the highest rating possible) on Charity Navigator

## OVERVIEW:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America was founded in 1860 as the Boys Club Federation and now serves some 4.8 million young people through more than 4,300 Club facilities in 50 states, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and U.S. military bases around the world.

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**Percent of Donations Invested in Programs: 86%**

**Reach Across Communities:**  
More than 4,300 Clubs nationwide



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