



# BEHIND THE BLUE DOOR



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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Club Supporter:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston (BGCGH) enjoyed an outstanding second quarter as we continued to bridge academic and societal gaps by providing organization-wide support to our youth through targeted programs and initiatives. These promoted learning, social-emotional growth and opportunities to expand horizons.

A summer with field trips, literacy programs and sports, among other activities, kept our youth engaged. We continue to see Club members building resiliency and benefiting from the mentorship they receive at BGCGH. Data shows that high quality summer programming can positively impact children and teens.

BGCGH incorporates TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) programming and SEL into daily activities our youth experience at the Club. I am pleased to share that the feedback we've received from parents is overwhelmingly positive. The Club is a safe, low-cost alternative for working parents, while mitigating summer and pandemic learning loss and providing a wholesome, stimulating environment.

Our annual Great Futures Dinner showed a tremendous outpouring of support from existing donors, as well as new ones, with 700 guests in attendance. As part of the evening's activities, we celebrated BGCGH's 70th anniversary with a special tribute video. BGCGH's long-time supporter, Kroger, was honored for its steadfast dedication to our cause. Together with our corporate and individual sponsors, we raised upwards of \$1 million, which directly supports our mission to serve our youth. The evening ended with a rousing Club member chorale performance.

BGCGH was honored to led the national Juneteenth celebration for the Boys & Girls Clubs Movement as we shared this important moment with a broad audience across the country. BGCGH worked with Boys & Girls Clubs of America to produce a compelling presentation about the significance of Juneteenth from historic Reedy Chapel AME Church in Galveston, Texas. This endeavor reinforced BGCGH's commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

As always, we appreciate the ongoing commitment of our donors, volunteers and mentors, who are directly making a difference in the lives of our Club members.

**Kevin R. Hattery**  
President & CEO





## National Gardening Day



On April 14th we celebrated National Gardening Day. Our Club members, in partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Junior Master Gardener Program at the Morefield Boys & Girls Club, have been learning about starting and maintaining gardens, growing & tasting new fruits & veggies, educating on ways to build healthy eating habits, and studying about the amazing benefits to your mental health.



We are so thankful to have these gardens for our kids to be able to learn first hand on what it takes to grow a garden and all the successes that come from that! Thank you to the Khourie Family Foundation for providing these gardens and opportunities to our kids!

## 2022 Great Futures Dinner

Thank you to everyone who attended our 34th Annual Great Futures Dinner! It was a wonderful night and we appreciate everyone who joined us to help us celebrate 70 years! We are so grateful to our partners who sponsored the event, purchased auction items, and made donations. Through your support, we were able to raise \$1 million for the critical programs we provide to more than 35,000 youth and teens annually! Thank you also to our 2022 Great Futures Dinner Champions of Youth: Kroger and the Permanent Endowment Fund of Moody Methodist Church! We appreciate the leadership and generous support both of these organizations have provided BGC&GH over the years.



Our success would not have been possible without the support of our strong leaders. Thank you to Laura Gump, President of Kroger, for serving as this year's Great Futures Dinner chair. As a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston Board, Laura has committed countless hours to ensuring that the mission of Boys & Girls Clubs is carried out. We are so grateful for your dedicated leadership!

Funding from the Great Futures Dinner directly benefits the more than 35,000 youth we serve at our 23 Club locations, and allows us to offer essential programming after school and during the summer, distribute healthy meals daily, and develop relationships with at-risk youth. Again, we could not do all of this critical work without our partners and funders like all of you. Thank you again for your support of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston!

A special thank you to our top sponsors: Diamond Sponsor; Kroger. Platinum Sponsors: Arca Continental Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages, BHP, Coats Rose, Joey and Bill Goetz, Laura and Will Leven, Keurig Dr Pepper/ Polar Beverages/ Vita Coco, MAS Restaurant Group, Phillips 66, Strake Foundation/ HighTower Texas/ Carla and Steve Strake, and Sysco.





## Young Professionals Cornhole Tournament



On Thursday, May 19 we gathered for our 4th Annual Young Professionals Cornhole Tournament at McIntyre's in the Heights. We had many teams sign up to participate, as well as spectators join us for a social happy hour. It was a great way to gather and raise funds to support BGCGH. YP's were able to invite friends to get more involved at BGCGH too. Thank you so much to McIntyre's for hosting us!

For more information or to get involved in our Young Professionals group, please contact Development Manager, Laura Boelsche at [lboelsche@bgcgh.org](mailto:lboelsche@bgcgh.org)

## Phillips 66 Scholarship

Thank you to Phillips 66 for hosting a special luncheon in honor of the 10 Club members who were the recipients of the inaugural Phillips 66 Scholarship program!

Club members were from our Stafford Boys & Girls Club, Wharton Teen Scene Boys & Girls Club, KIPP Sunnyside Boys & Girls Club, and Houston Texans Teen Club - Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston. We are so proud of our teens and appreciative of our partners at Phillips 66 for providing this amazing opportunity. Phillips 66 is an incredible partner to BGCGH supporting STEAM programming, employee volunteers, and opening opportunities such as scholarships, for our Club members. We are so thankful for their dedication to build great futures!



## Texans & Kroger Mother's Day Event



Our incredible partners, the Houston Texans and Kroger, were able to help our Club members surprise their mothers with a special Mother's Day event including a shopping spree!

The Texans selected five Club members and their mothers to attend this event. These members were chosen from a fun art project and essays. They were then treated to a light dinner and a few special surprises to honor them, followed by some fun activities with the Houston Texans mascot, TORO, and Kroger gift cards. We are thankful for our BGC moms!





## Summer Programming

We have had an incredible summer! Here is a closer look to what our Clubs have been up to so far:

- Our friends at Principal Jets hosted 100 high school Club teens for Aviation Field Day 2022 at Houston's Ellington Airport & Houston Spaceport! Club members learned about the aviation industry & career opportunities in aviation!
- Club members are ROARING for STEAM this summer, thanks to our friends at Comcast! In celebration of this summer's blockbuster release, Club members received Jurassic World, Rule Your Future STEAM Initiative activity boxes in hopes to spark interest for the next generation of creative & scientific thinkers!
- Club members were able to participate in "MLB Play Ball" Day on June 10. Club members across Greater Houston went out to Sylvester Turner Park to take part in this exciting day. Together with the Astros and the MLB, BCGGH is hitting grand slams for the youth of Greater Houston!
- Manchester City and Club América hosted a soccer clinic at Episcopal High School to promote the Big Game - Copa de Lone Star. They invited the Spring Branch Club to bring 32 members from ages 8-12 to partake in a soccer clinic with coaches. Talk about a summer of fun!



Our Club members have been having an amazing summer so far!

## Fajita Pete's Scholarship Presentation



We are so grateful for our partnership and the support of Fajita Pete's. Our Mission Bend Boys & Girls Club hosted a special dinner celebrating the 2022 Fajita Pete's Scholarship recipients and their families. Dinner featured inspiring remarks by Houston's own, Fajita Pete's owner & founder, Pedro 'Pete' Mora.

This was another amazing opportunity for our Club members! Thank you to our generous partner Fajita Pete's, we are so grateful for you!

## BCGGH Celebrates Juneteenth

Juneteenth this year was celebrated in a special way! Our team worked hard in partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America on our Juneteenth Celebration, streaming LIVE, nation-wide, from Galveston's Reedy Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the place where Texas slaves first heard General Order #3, announcing the end of slavery in Texas. The celebration included the participation of our local Club members, the choir of Reedy Chapel, taking 100 teens into the skies with United Airline's Freedom Flight over Galveston Island, and activities & celebrations in our Clubs across the Greater Houston area!

Our hope is for a celebration of freedom that continues every day!





## Save The Date - 2022 Rise & Shine Breakfast



**RISE & SHINE**  
with Boys & Girls Clubs

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**

*River Oaks Country Club*

A Hybrid Event

7:00 A.M. Check-in

7:30 A.M. Breakfast & Program

presented by

**KIRKLAND & ELLIS**

Contact Sarah Burns at [sburns@bgcgh.org](mailto:sburns@bgcgh.org) for more information

## Save The Date - 2022 Sporting Clays Tournament

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF GREATER HOUSTON



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022**

*Greater Houston Sports Club*

9:00 A.M. Breakfast & Registration

10:00 A.M. Shoot Begins

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## Ways to Invest

- Make a donation online at [www.bgcgh.org](http://www.bgcgh.org) or by mail.
- Sponsor one of BGC GH's events such as the **Great Futures Dinner**, **Rise and Shine Breakfast** or the annual **Sporting Clays Tournament**.
- Become a **Club Blue** recurring monthly donor.
- Become a member of the **Great Futures Society** with an unrestricted annual gift of \$10,000 or more.
- Join the **1952 Legacy Society** and show support in perpetuity by including BGC GH in your will or estate plans.
- Give an in-kind donation of products, goods or services.