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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Club Champion,

2024 has dawned with remarkable opportunities for Club members to unlock their full potential and leave a lasting impact on our community. Our diverse programming has empowered over 50,000 youths with the resources and environment they need to thrive. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston (BGCGH) remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering high-quality, impactful programs that inspire and equip the next generation of Houstonians.

Within our Clubs, members are immersed in a multitude of experiences designed to broaden their horizons, challenge societal norms, and foster leadership skills. It is with great pride that we share the story of Jonathan S., a senior at our Richmond Club, who was honored as the 2024 Julius Young Youth of the Year. This prestigious award recognizes individuals who exemplify resilience, leadership, and a dedication to community service. Additionally, our inaugural BGCGH Homecoming at the Morefield Club was a poignant celebration of Black History Month, marking a significant moment of cultural recognition and unity.

Our Club members continue to distinguish themselves as thought leaders and scholars in the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM). Teams from our Spring Branch and Wharton Teen Clubs emerged victorious in the Sphero state championships, earning the honor of representing the USA at the Sphero Global Challenge. Moreover, our collaboration with the Houston Rockets and the Toyota Center for the Best Shot Basketball Tournament was a resounding success, with Royal ISD emerging triumphant and over 280 youths participating in the event.

In our ongoing efforts to authentically represent the communities we serve, we are delighted to welcome three esteemed individuals to our Board: Randy Garcia, Renée Power, and Chris Rector. Their expertise and passion will undoubtedly enrich our organization's strategic direction. Additionally, the appointment of a new chair for the Young Professionals Council signifies our commitment to fostering the next generation of leaders within our ranks. We are equally thrilled to announce the launch of the Future Ready campaign, which underscores our dedication to continuous improvement and the enhancement of our services.

As we embark on the second quarter of the year, we are buoyed by the progress we have achieved thus far and the profound impact we continue to make on the youth of the Greater Houston area. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our community. Together, we are steadfast in our resolve to do whatever it takes to cultivate bright futures for every child we serve.

Warm regards,

*Kevin R. Hattery*

Sincerely,  
**Kevin R. Hattery**  
President & CEO





## Best Shot Basketball Tournament

Royal ISD Club won the 2024 Best Shot Basketball Tournament! Best Shot Basketball provides youth with positive experiences in basketball and cheerleading. This year, our teens had the opportunity to referee the tournament through the RepRefs certification program. We are exceptionally grateful to the Houston Rockets and the Toyota Center for hosting!



## Sphero Competition

Both Spring Branch Club and Wharton Teen Club are state champions! They will advance to the Sphero Global Challenge to represent the USA in a robotics showdown. The Sphero Competition inspired creativity, sparked collaboration, and encouraged a passion for STEAM. The Sphero Learning Ecosystem allows our Club members access to STEAM, computer science, and robotics with tangible tools and expert-designed lessons for hands-on learning at every step of the educational journey.



## Julius Young Youth of the Year Program

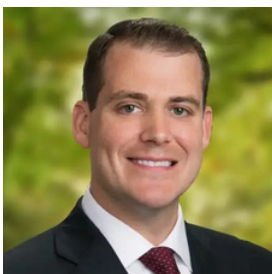
We are proud to announce that Jonathan S., a member of our Richmond Club, was named BCGH's 2024 Julius Young Youth of the Year (YOY) during the annual Youth of the Year dinner held on February 21st at the Junior League of Houston. Michelle Young, BCGH Board of Directors member, and Robert Ellis II, 2021 Julius Young Youth of the Year, served as emcees for the evening. This year, 13 outstanding Club members from 7 Clubs participated in our program with more than \$30,000 in scholarships distributed.

The Julius Young Youth of the Year program, presented by Chevron, honors and celebrates inspiring teens, their incredible journeys, and the impact Boys & Girls Clubs have on their lives. The program recognizes teens for their outstanding leadership, service, academic excellence, and dedication to health and well-being.

Jonathan has been a Boys & Girls Club member for five years and is a senior, at B. F. Terry High School. He plans to attend the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, in the fall to pursue a career in acute care nursing.



## 2024 New Board Members



**Chris Rector**  
Co-CEO, Hines



**Renée Power**  
CMO/GM, Shell



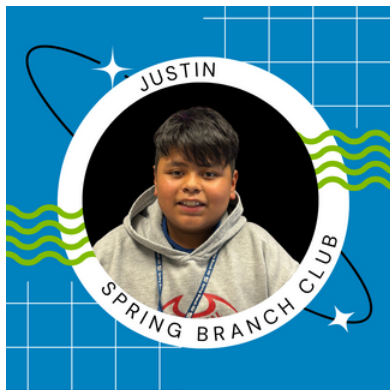
**Randy Garcia**  
Community Leader





## Quarterly Thank You Callers

As a new donor engagement initiative, each quarter Club members will be calling to thank you for your generosity. Amy, Justin, and Zahrya did an outstanding job showcasing the maturity and exceptional character of the youth we serve.



## Celebrating Black History Month - First Annual BGCGH Homecoming



On February 24, we held our first annual Homecoming at our Morefield Club. Our Club members celebrated the rich history of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) through a traditional King & Queen Court, tailgate, flag football, food and vendors, and multiple literary competitions. The event was successful with community leaders, notable HBCU scholars, and families joining to honor Black History Month.

## 2024 Great Futures Gala

Thank you for your incredible support at this year's Great Futures Gala, themed "Walk a Mile in My Shoes." Your generosity raised an incredible \$900,000 for Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston (BGCGH), benefiting over 50,000 youth annually.

Presented by Kroger, the Gala gathered more than 500 supporters at the Hilton Americas Houston. From the lively auction to the youth performances and inspiring speeches, the evening was filled with compassion and a shared commitment to BGCGH's mission.



## New Young Professionals Council Chair

We are thrilled to announce Will Duke as our new Young Professionals Council Chair. Will grew up volunteering at BGC Austin Area and developed a deep appreciation for our movement's mission. After moving to Houston in 2017, Will made it a top priority to get involved with BGCGH. As the 2024-2025 council chair, his goal is to expand the impact of the YP council, both through volunteer hours and fundraising, while also bringing awareness to the BGC's mission through social and corporate networking events.





## Texans Digital Art Day

In an inspiring collaboration, the Houston Texans, Microsoft, and the Harvard Club joined forces to revamp team uniforms with the help of former player Eric Brown, using cutting-edge Microsoft Surface devices. After the event, Microsoft graciously donated these devices to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston, fostering continuous creativity and learning among students.

The Houston Texans and Microsoft remain vital partners in supporting and launching Texans Digital Art Day. Microsoft generously donated 25 of Microsoft Surfaces to encourage digital literacy.



Microsoft

## Join Club Blue!

Club Blue provides dependable, vital funding to BGCGH with convenient, continuous support for our cause year-round. Monthly giving allows more resources to go directly to our mission, instead of fundraising costs.

Join Club Blue today and impact more than 50,000 youth every day with your generosity.

**\$42**  
monthly



provides one week of meals to a Club member and their family

**\$125**  
monthly



secures supplies focused on STEAM programming at a club for one year

**\$208**  
monthly



pays for all costs associated for daily programming for one child

**\$416**  
monthly



provides college preparation, workforce development, and tutoring for 25 club kids

## Ways to Invest

- Make a donation online at [www.bgcgh.org](http://www.bgcgh.org) or by mail.
- Sponsor one of BGCGH's events such as the **Rise & Shine Breakfast**, **Great Futures Gala** or the **Boys & Girls Clubs 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 BGCGH in your will or estate plans.
- Give an in-kind donation of products, goods or services.