

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley Raises \$4.1 Million at Annual Stars Gala
Funds raised will help make BGCAZ Programs affordable for working families

The Event: Today's Kids, Tomorrow's Stars **The Cause:** Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley (BGCAZ)

Photos: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/dw2zbreio2loxsgueu688s/h?rlkey=f1y19kulqy9thce4uj8ok9tj&dl=0>

Mission: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley empowers young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible members of the community. BGCAZ offers affordable after-school and summer programs for 12,000+ young people in grades K-12. At 31 clubs in 11 cities, BGCAZ provides award-winning programs designed to change the lives of young people.

Honoree: The Moffett Family & Crescent Crown Distributing

Co-Chairs: Jody Sarchett and Basil Zaidi

Overview: The gala was hosted at the Westin Kierland, to honor Bubba and Blair Moffett and Crescent Crown Distributing for their longtime commitment to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley and many other local organizations. The program also recognized 12 outstanding Club teens, the "Youth of the Year." These Boys & Girls Club members have overcome incredible obstacles to succeed and shared their inspirational stories. The show was hosted by Arizona Sports 98.7's Tim Ring. In addition to hearing from the Youth of the Year representatives, guests enjoyed a large silent auction of items including concert experiences, high-end jewelry, restaurant experiences, sports memorabilia and an animated live auction of world-class vacations and items bidders can't find anywhere else. For more information, visit <https://www.bgcaz.org/stars/>.

Quick Facts:

- One of the highest-netting Valley galas with proceeds exclusively benefiting local Club programs
- 780 guests including prominent Valley business leaders, philanthropists, and community supporters

Name: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley (BGCAZ) - Today's Kids, Tomorrow's Stars **When:** **Saturday, March 2, 2024**

Where: Westin Kierland

Visuals:

- Produced with videos from Citrus Valley Media, Brian Nissen and Videography, Teodor Vladimirov
- Extensive silent auction and energetic live auction
- Remarkable youth achievement from local Clubs and awarding the 2024 Youth of the Year

BGCAZ 2024 YOUTH OF THE YEAR:

YARIELIZ LOPEZ, Ed Robson Family Branch, North Canyon High School

Branch Candidates for Youth of the Year:

Alessandra Mendoza, Age 14, Arizona Diamondbacks Branch, South Mountain High School (Freshman)

Andrea Rubal, Age 15, Colangelo Branch, Franklin Police and Fire High School (Sophomore)
Brayan Roque, Age 16, Rosenzweig Branch, Glenview College Prep High School (Sophomore)
Bryan Rivas, Age 15, Superstition Mountain Branch, Imagine Prep Superstition (Sophomore)
Desiree Aguilar, Age 17, Swift Kids Branch, Glendale High School (Junior)
Elizabeth Ray, Age 18, Bob Bove Branch, Agua Fria High School (Senior)
KyJai Wilson, Age 15, Bob & Renee Parsons Branch, Arcadia High School (Sophomore)
Layla Zamora, Age 17, Stewart Branch, Western School of Science and Technology (Senior)
Michael Crawford, Age 17, Gabel Branch, North High School (Senior)
Miley Hawkins, Age 15, Sands Branch, Deer Valley High School (Sophomore) **Orlando Cooper**, Age 14, Grant Woods Branch, Sequoia Charter School (Freshman) **Yarieliz Lopez**, Age 15, Robson Branch, North Canyon High School (Junior)