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BOYS HOPE GIRLS HOPE OF ARIZONA

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ANNUAL REPORT





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NEW BHGH LEADERSHIP!

Hello BHGH champions and supporters:

It is my great honor to introduce to you Boys Hope Girls Hope of Arizona's next executive director, Stephanie Bridgeo. Stephanie joins BHGH with a wealth of experience in the social profit field, bringing administrative, fund development and programmatic expertise along with her passion for serving others.

Stephanie says "It is an absolute privilege to be joining the Boys Hope Girls Hope of Arizona team. I am excited for this new opportunity to partner with a tremendous network of people who have invested in the lives and education of BHGH scholars. Amy has provided solid leadership to pave the way for a wonderful transition and I look forward to building upon that success as a catalyst for continued growth and expansion of the organization". Stephanie looks forward to meeting you all and can be reached at sbridgeo@bhgh.org.

It is with a grateful heart that I thank you for your commitment, support, and involvement with Boys Hope Girls Hope of Arizona. All of you have made a positive impact on our scholars and families and your involvement has enriched my experience here. I will be forever grateful for the BHGH scholars, families, team and community and I look forward to seeing the continued growth and success of the organization.

Thank you for helping to nurture and guide motivated young people in need to become well-educated, career-ready men and women for others.

Sincerely yours,

AMY PFEIFER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



AMY PEFIFER
2015 - 2024



STEPHANIE BRIDGEO
2024





OUR IMPACT

Boys Hope Girls Hope of Arizona currently serves 90 youth: 58 scholars in our Academy Program and 32 enrolled in college. We have great numbers to represent our successes!

95%

of scholars are low-income, first-generation college students.

87%

of college graduates have no debt! Those with student loan debt had an average debt load of \$3,549.

99%

of scholars go to college.

90%

of scholars persist in college.

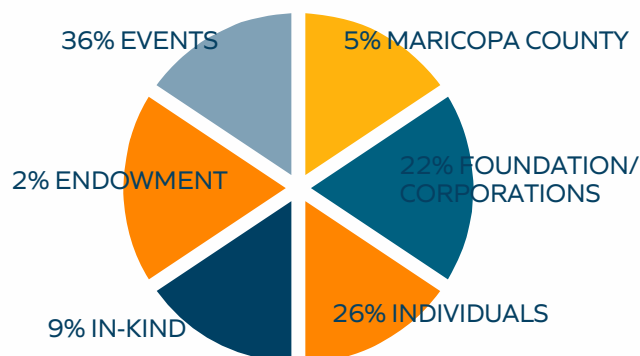
88%

of scholars graduate college in 6 years or less!

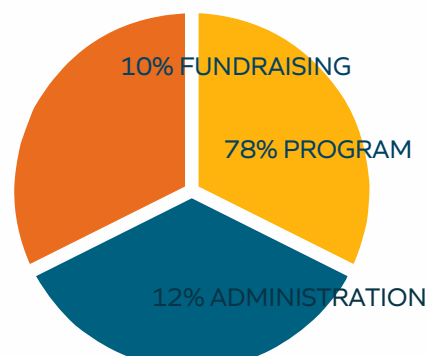
FINANCIALS

FY23 (July 2022 - June 2023)

SOURCES OF INCOME



USE OF INCOME



BHGHAZ has greater than a six-month cash operations reserve at year end.





SCHOLAR STORIES:

THE START OF A NEW CHAPTER

Boys Hope Girls Hope of Arizona scholars join us in 6th grade as they transition from elementary school to middle school. For many, this is one of the largest transitions they've experienced in their young life – entering not only a new campus but also a time in which they have to learn to become much more independent. It is a nerve-wracking time for many, but it's also filled with excitement for the future.

As a part of the application process to the BHGH Academy program, scholars write us letters detailing why they want to become a part of BHGH and how they think our program can help them. Manuel, a sixth grader captured the ambition, excitement and challenges that so many of our scholars face in his application letter.

His excerpt reads, "I find this program very interesting because BHGH helps bright and intelligent children who do not have the economic resources to have a better education. Being a part of this program would help me to achieve my goals of having a university degree and being able to buy my parents their own house." Manuel's dedication to his education, and his yearning for a fulfilling future for himself and his family, is what inspires us as we work to prepare our scholars day after day.

Providing scholars with opportunities that they otherwise would've missed out on gives them a chance to thrive in life and make a difference in their communities. A Catholic school education in particular tends to produce graduates who are more civically engaged, more tolerant of diverse views and more committed to service as adults. To see those opportunities and be cognizant of those beyond yourself is an aptness that BHGH seeks to nurture and develop throughout all 11 years of our scholars' journeys.



VANESSA'S REFLECTION:

ALUMNI EXPERIENCE

Setting goals and meeting them is something most of us don't master until later in life. For Vanessa Lozano, it's a skill she's been fine-tuning since she joined Boys Hope Girls Hope of Arizona (BHGH) in sixth grade.

The personal growth that Lozano experienced during her eleven years in the BHGH program represents the kind of skill development and value embodiment that the program provides to all scholars. Now a college graduate and an owner of her own business, Lozano credits BHGH with helping to establish a strong foundation and for providing her opportunities she wouldn't have otherwise had access to.

"Boys Hope Girls Hope introduced me, somebody who's first generation in this country, to what could be," said Lozano. "It opened my eyes to all of these opportunities and gave me people who believed in me, guiding me through anything that I wanted to do."

From the start, BHGH provided Lozano with the tools to be successful in her education, and they continually supported her beyond the classroom, nurturing her emotional, social and physical well-being, too.

Lozano received educational support like uniforms and textbooks, plus tutoring and a welcoming community in the Academy program. Lozano spent her days in class with other BHGH scholars, plus her after-school and often extracurricular time at the BHGH Learning Center together; all of that time with the same cohort of scholars created a community that felt like family.

That family-like comradery that Lozano came to depend on was strengthened by BHGH staff and volunteers who mentored her throughout her entire journey. Lozano received more than just academic and extracurricular help from her mentors – she experienced first-hand what it was like to have someone believe that you could achieve a goal, and what it looks like to enable you to get there.





VANESSA'S REFLECTION: CONTINUED

In eighth grade, Lozano was offered an opportunity to travel to Europe on a 25-day trip. She knew that her family didn't have the economic resources for her to take that kind of trip. One of her mentors at the time, Mia Foster, could sense her excitement at the opportunity - Lozano had always wanted to explore the world outside of her community - and she committed to helping Lozano find a way to get there.

Foster enlisted the help of her own mother, Marla Foster, and together she and Lozano came up with fundraising ideas that could make the trip financially feasible. Beyond that, Marla attended the planning meetings and helped Lozano through logistics when her parents couldn't because of the language barrier. It was so much more than a trip - it was a lesson to Lozano in compassion, giving back, and achieving your goals.

"What it taught me in return was that these volunteers are doing so much for me, that it makes me want to give back to my community," said Lozano. "Whether that's volunteer hours or passing it forward, helping younger scholars, whatever it is that I can do for my community to make a difference."

That European trip would become a defining moment for Lozano's future. It ignited her desire to continue experiencing worlds outside of the one she knew, and it instilled in her the importance of being a contributing member of the community she had surrounding her.

Lozano graduated high school with her sights set on college, the first in her family to do so. She had always wanted to be an immigration lawyer; after seeing what her parents and relatives went through in pursuit of a better life she wanted to help make that process easier for others in similar situations.

As decision-making time grew closer, BHGH facilitated career testing for scholars. Lozano was shocked at one of the suggested careers: interior design. That itch to experience something different, backed with the confidence that had been nurtured for years, led her to pursue something foreign to her.

Lozano graduated from Arizona State University and launched her own business, Designs Del Mar. Using the skills she learned from her college courses, and the foundation of discipline and goal-setting she built during her time at BHGH, she now runs her own social media management and graphic design firm.

"In the future, I want to establish and grow my business more and explore other creative outlets," said Lozano.

"This habit of setting goals, making them actionable, and then tracking them has been ingrained in me from Boys Hope Girls Hope, and I still use it now."

Lozano's dedication to her future and goals, and more importantly her knowledge of the steps to take to achieve them, are illustrious examples of the foundation that BHGH works to cultivate in all scholars.



ARANAZAZU'S REFLECTION:

BUILDING CONFIDENCE & OPENING OPPORTUNITIES



Some of the most powerful examples of our impact are stories from our collegians!

Aranzazu's exemplifies the difference that being a BHGH scholar can make. She graduated from Yale University this spring with a degree in environmental engineering, and she shares how grateful she's been for BHGH's support for the entirety of her journey.

"Looking back now, I cannot speak with anything but gratitude for my experience in Boys Hope Girls Hope of Arizona," said Aranzazu. "I was a part of the program during my most formative years, and they exposed me to high academic standards and an environment to speak up, and find new passions and interests. None of the enriching experiences I had in high school would've been possible without BHGH – they didn't just encourage me to participate, they also facilitated my engagement."

One of Aranzazu's most salient memories during her time as a scholar is of her mentor Claudia. Claudia supported Aranzazu's after-school activities and went the extra mile to be sure she was prepared for all that was coming her way. When Aranzazu's first mock trial competition came around (an interest she was unaware of until BHGH!), Claudia took her shopping for a suit because Aranzazu had never had a need for one before.

"Turns out, that suit was paving the way for a lot of other events where I'd need it, including wearing it to my senior photoshoot for the Yale yearbook."

Like that suit, Aranzazu has felt the support of the BHGH community throughout the various stages in her life. Although the transition to college – across the country, away from family and friends and in an incredibly challenging program – had presented its difficulties, Aranzazu has leaned on her BHGH network during her journey.





FROM THE BOARD: NEW BOARD CHAIR, MARK WILLIAMS

PIVOTAL DECISIONS SET STAGE FOR MORE IMPACT



Mark Williams', incoming Chair of the Board of Directors, relationship with Boys Hope Girls Hope (BHGH) began with his own high school education. As a student at Brophy College Preparatory, some of his classmates were BHGH scholars and the program had a great deal of support from Father Mathewson and Father Growney.

After graduation, Williams pursued a law degree and began his own family. Now, decades later, his children attend St. Francis Xavier Elementary School, another BHGH AZ partner institution with a strong history of support.

"We've had a lot of exposure to these great BHGH kids," said Williams. "They're our kids' friends, they play school sports together, they're just **part of our community**. And so I saw an opportunity to give back and make a commitment to service, which is something that we take pretty seriously here in our house."

Williams' role as Vice Chair and now Board Chair for 2024 uniquely positioned him to help spearhead BHGH's latest initiatives to be more strategic with investments and serve more scholars. Once the pivotal decision was made to retire the Residential Program and shift all focus to the Academy Program, the benefits became immediately apparent: BHGH would be able to impact more scholars and uplift the broader community, a win for all.

"It seemed very obvious," said Williams. "But as we went through it we were really nervous about making the right investment in our scholars. This shift allows us to focus not just on organizational survival, but on expansion and growth with our new strategic vision."

That new strategic vision includes expanding existing BHGH programs while also serving new populations. There's significant opportunity for growth with college-aged students who may be first-generation and lack support once they've left high school. There's also the prospect of a new BHGH Learning Center space; one that will be able to serve the growing number of scholars in ways that are most beneficial to them.

Amidst all the changes and big decisions of the past several years, Williams is most proud of the board and staff's unwavering commitment to BHGH scholars and their families. He describes the leadership of both as 'truly servant leaders,' who are focused on the well-being and success of the scholars, especially in the face of wide-ranging challenges like the pandemic and changing economic landscape.





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WE RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTERS OF \$5,000+ (JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023)

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12 MONTHS OF IMPACT

Your generous contribution will empower 90 scholars of Boys Hope Girls Hope (BHGH) by equipping them with essential resources, tutoring, and mentorship, paving their way to realize their utmost potential and emerge as influential leaders within their communities. You are investing in a brighter, more promising future for these deserving scholars.

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\$5

Nurtures young minds with homework fuel - afterschool snacks for scholars.

\$10

Kindles community through cultural immersion and extracurricular activities.

\$15

Keeps our shelves stocked with necessary school supplies for BHGH scholars.

\$25

Covers college tours to help scholars find their ideal academic, financial, and social fit.

\$50

Covers the cost of SAT prep classes and cost of the exams!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT IN 2024!



**Boys Hope
Girls Hope**

After years of discussion, Boys Hope Girls Hope is exploring of a new compelling name that aligns with our bold vision for the future, that represents our mission to nurture and guide motivated young people in need to become well-educated, career-ready men and women for others, and that symbolizes the hope, spirit, legacies, and diversity of our young people and community.

We are seeking a name that will be readily distinguishable from others in our industry, invoke a sense of pride among our scholars, collegians, team members, and supporters; and reflect our bright future ahead as we seek to grow our impact over the next decade. **Any guesses?**

THANK YOU!

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