## To Whom It May Concern:

Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley is pleased to endorse our partnership with Future For Kids. For the last 4 years, we have partnered in offering mentoring and education programs for our members at 3 of our branches; in Mesa, Tempe and Guadalupe. Eventually, we hope to have this program at most, if not all of our branches. Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley and Future For Kids have similar missions, as both organizations seek to provide academic success, good character & citizenship and healthy lifestyles programs and services for youth ages 5-18. The impact that they are able to provide through their program model is singular and impressive.

Future For Kids will assist us in delivering our <u>BE GREAT</u>: <u>Graduate</u> program that seeks to keep youth and teens engaged in school, promoting to each grade level on time, eventually graduating from high school on time. The Club has the program and the kids. What was missing were the mentors to guide, assist, tutor, and coach the kids, as they seek to accomplish their educational goals. Future For Kids is able to provide the trained mentors we need, to round out our program and make it effective. Together, we will positively impact over 150 young people, by providing them one-on-one mentoring, homework help and life skills programming.

Without Future For Kids, we would be limited in terms of how many youth/teens we could serve, as we do not have enough mentors for the program. Future For Kids contributed over 1700 hours of volunteer time to our members during the 2015-2016 school year. Their investment is making a marked difference. 42% of youth participants reported a positive change in their attitudes towards reading, including 35% reporting wanting to read more at home. Positive strides are made in the area of character as well. On average, members reported a a 40% positive change from begging to end of program in the areas of confidence, contribution, caring and happiness.

This partnership greatly enhances our efforts to provide quality educational programming. Together, we will make a difference in the lives of the youth who participate in the Future For Kids program.

In Service to Youth,

Tonia Smith
Director of Grants & Cause Advancement



Program Service Center 1405 E Guadalupe Rd Ste 4 Tempe, AZ 85283 Tel 480.820.3688 Fax 480.820.4093 TTY: 7-1-1 www.clubzona.org facebook.com/clubzona twitter @boys\_girls\_club

## **BRANCHES**

Apache Junction Branch 480.982.6381 aj@clubzona.org

Compadre Branch-Chandler 480.899.8302 compadre@clubzona.org

Gila River Branch- Komatke 520.550.1113 komatke@clubzona.org

Gila River Branch- Sacaton 520.562.3890 sacaton@clubzona.org

Gilbert Branch 480.813.2020 gilbert@clubzona.org

Thunderbirds Branch-Guadalupe 480.897.6247 thunderbirds@clubzona.org

Grant Woods Branch- Mesa 480.844.0963 grantwoods@clubzona.org

Ladmo Branch- Tempe 480.858.2400 ladmo@clubzona.org

North Tempe Branch 480.858.6500 nt@clubzona.org

Queen Creek Branch 480.358.3769 qc@clubzona.org

Stevenson Branch 480-472-9071 Stevenson@clubzona.org

## **CHARTER SCHOOL**

Mesa Arts Academy 480.844.3965 maa@clubzona.org



## **GREAT FUTURES START HERE.**