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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE EAST VALLEY

To Whom It May Concern:

Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley is pleased to endorse our partnership with Future For Kids. We will be partnering in offering mentoring and education programs for our members at our Grant Woods Branch in Mesa, initially. Eventually, we hope to have this program at most of our branches, if not all of our branches (the branches we have prioritized are Mesa, Tempe, North Tempe and Guadalupe). 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.

At the Grant Woods Branch-Mesa, Future For Kids will assist us in delivering our BE GREAT: Graduate 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 75 young people, by providing to them one-on-one mentoring, homework help and tutoring and life skills programming. All participants will also receive a healthy snack.

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 gives us the mentoring component, which greatly enhances our efforts to provide quality educational programming. We assist Future For Kids by providing for them a venue and audience to be able to offer their mentoring programs to their target clientele, as they are not facility based, as the Boys & Girls Clubs are. Together, we will make a difference in the lives of the youth and teens who participate in the Academic Success programs, including BE GREAT: Graduate. We are thrilled to formally begin this partnership in a pilot fashion, hopefully spreading the program to other branches in the near future. Should you have any questions regarding the partnership between Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley and Future For Kids, please don't hesitate to reach me at 480.820.3688. Thank you!

In Service to Youth,

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