



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE SUN CORRIDOR**

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Pinal County Attorney's Office,

On behalf of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sun Corridor, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your consistent and generous support of our organization over the past few years. Pinal County Attorney's Office has been a tremendous partner (both financially and programmatically) for many years. Thank you for your efforts in continuing this partnership!

Again this year, we are asking you to support *Positive Action*. This program is based on the intuitive philosophy that we feel good about ourselves when we do positive actions. The Thoughts-Actions-Feelings Circle illustrates how this works in life: our thoughts lead to actions and those actions lead to feelings about ourselves which in turn lead to more thoughts. When this cycle is negative, students do not want to learn. When this cycle is positive, students want to learn. The essence of this program is to emphasize those actions that promote a healthy and positive cycle. The *Positive Action* program works through these concepts in a systematic way-

- Unit 1: Self Concept / Unit 2: Positive actions for your body and mind
- Unit 3: Managing yourself responsibly / Unit 4: Treating others the way you like to be treated
- Unit 5: Telling yourself the truth / Unit 6: Improving yourself continually / Unit 7: Review

The *Positive Action* curriculum is grade-level specific, and all curriculum sets feature the same seven units. This scope and sequence enables organizations like ours to unify the program message across age groups and throughout our Clubs. This program is also set up in a way that we can integrate other important topics (like drug and violence prevention) and outside speakers (like law enforcement). Last year, 1,906 Club Members participated in this program, and we are on pace to have even more participants this year. Nationally, *Positive Action* has been shown to IMPROVE mental health and self-concept; REDUCE drug use, gang participation and violent activities; and EXPAND career development and dropout prevention.

It costs our organization approximately \$180,000 annually to offer Positive Action at all seven of our Clubs. Please accept this request for \$90,000, which will cover our costs associated with offering this high quality program at each of our Clubs for six months.

Our mission is "to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens." All of the young people that we serve deserve a chance at a great future. Thank you again for supporting our organization and our efforts to have a positive and meaningful impact on the lives of the members we serve, and thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. For any additional information, please contact me at 520-876-5437 or mlemberg@bgcsuncorridor.org.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lemberg
Executive Director

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