

### LETTER FROM OUR LEADERS

This was a special year as we celebrated five decades of serving children from families in crisis in the Greater Houston area. Many of our past residents shared stories and testimonials citing the changes to the trajectory of their lives and their families. Our humble beginnings laid a solid foundation that has led to a fruitful ministry. This year has reminded us of the many blessings that have paved the way to this big milestone while also giving us hope in the amazing future that lies ahead.

The changes in our world over the last two years have been historic and unprecedented. There has also been a systemic shift in residential programs for children. There is a greater expectation and emphasis on supervision, safety and mental health. The cost of care per child is at an all-time high due to legislative changes that impact programs like BGC. Over 40 facilities in Texas have closed their doors, leaving a shortage of more than 500 beds for at-risk children. The need is greater than ever to do the life-saving ministry that we do every day. Despite all these changes and challenges, our mission has remained the same because of the countless prayers, devoted work of BGC staff and the generous support of our donors and volunteers. Our doors are still open and will remain open because of passionate partners like you.

As we look to the future, Boys and Girls Country will continue to maintain a standard of excellence and accountability through the Council on Accreditation. Our program model continues to be successful as we implement the best practices in the field of residential child care. Every child in our care is loved and nurtured in a Christian home environment. Every physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual need is met by highly-trained professionals. We have been blessed with providers in counseling, education and ministry that bring

years of experience to our home. Every one of our children has a team in their corner cheering them on and guiding them to achieve what God has designed for their futures.

We are beyond grateful for the dedication of our teaching parents and staff during the pandemic. Their bravery is commendable for serving as frontline workers who ministered to our children through quarantines, sickness and the various mental health challenges that have plagued this season in our lives. It was another team effort to get all 10 seniors to the finish line of graduation.

The last two years redefined how organizations, businesses and communities operate. For many, growth was not a priority because they simply had to remain afloat. For BGC, it was a time to become more efficient and strategic. It showed us that adaptation is the only way forward as we increase the reach of our program. As the need grows, so does our commitment to serve vulnerable children and families. God has provided for the first 50 years of BGC, and we trust that He will carry us through any storm as we serve His purpose.

His promise to the prophet Isaiah remains true to this day: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

#### MISSION

To change the lives of children from families in crisis by loving and nurturing them in a Christian home environment, raising them to become self-sustaining and contributing adults.

#### VISION

That every child has a place to grow up and a sense of being home.

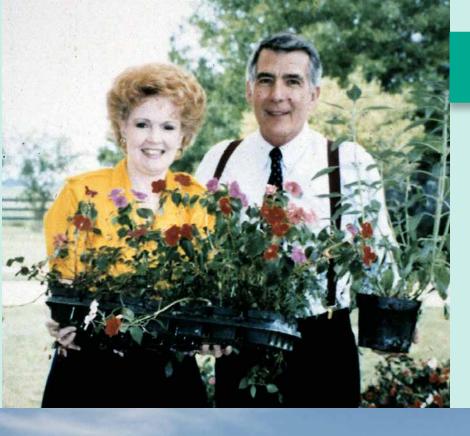
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**H. Scott Galloway** Chairman of the Board



### **HISTORIC MILESTONE**

### **IN LOVING MEMORY**

In 2021, we lost Boys and Girls Country's first executive director - Rev. Jack Brewer. He served our mission from 1971 to 1993 and was a catalyst behind the development of the program. Mr. Brewer came to BGC from Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston, the congregation of which was a driving force behind our mission's success. Mr. Brewer was recruited by Mr. Robinson, one of the founders of BGC. He was a beloved leader who had a passion for youth ministry. During his leadership, BGC grew into a sustainable organization that would serve boys and girls from families in crisis. Also, major capital developments were made on campus that paved the way for BGC to become a holistic program. Mr. Brewer's guidance and devotion helped establish Boys and Girls Country and set it up to be the fruitful ministry we have today. We are blessed that God provides BGC with leaders like Mr. Brewer, whose investment of talent, time and resources keeps our mission growing into the future. We ask that you'd join us in prayer for Mr. Brewer's family and friends.

In 2021, Boys and Girls Country celebrated 50 years! It is an unbelievable blessing to be able to serve children from families in crisis for half a century. With your faithful support, lives have been changed, educational barriers have been demolished and cycles of trauma have ended. God has provided Boys and Girls Country with everything to grow from a small patch of land into an amazing facility supporting the lives of our cottage families, College & Career program and staff. This year, we look back with fondness on the history of this mission and how it came to bless the lives of more than 1,600 children over the years.

You can read more about the mission's history and view the photos through the decades by following this link: www.bit.ly/50YearsofBGC

### **SERVING CHILDREN FROM FAMILIES IN CRISIS**



5 out of 7 children placed at BGC came from families that experience poverty

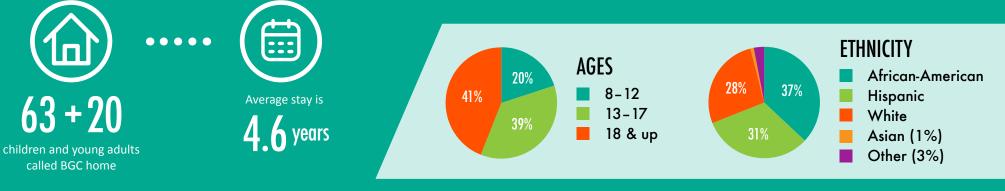




50% of our kids come from Harris County

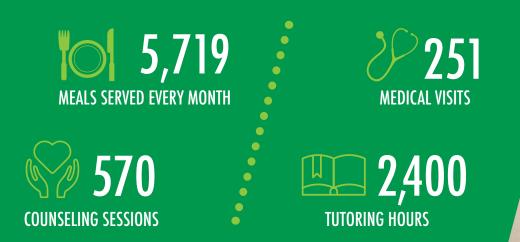
years Average age of admitted children





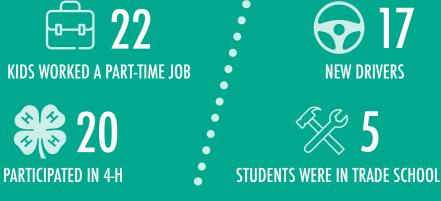
### **PROVIDING CARE**

Many of our kids come to Boys and Girls Country without ever having received consistent dental and medical care. Every child in our home receives required immunizations, twice-yearly dental visits and routine check-ups, as well as any emergency medical or dental attention needed. Most of the children who arrive at Boys and Girls Country have suffered from abuse, neglect, loss or other emotional trauma. Staff at Boys and Girls Country closely monitor the emotional health of each of our children and provide necessary resources to help children overcome the adversities of their past.



In addition to furnishing their basic needs, our program works with each child toward two important objectives. First, each child is able to build relationships, acquire responsibilities and grow and develop within the context of a stable, structured and loving home environment. Second, every child sets realistic short and long-term goals, and we help them do that with essential behavioral health support and remedial academic tutoring. These skills help our kids become selfsustaining and contributing adults.







Education is a key to break the cycle of poverty and help our children achieve a successful future as adults. As you know, children who arrive to Boys and Girls Country are often several grade levels behind their peers. Every child who comes to BGC is assessed by the director of education to determine appropriate grade level and identify any necessary educational services. It takes a lot of resources and effort to help our kids and ensure they can catch up to their peers. We are very proud of all of our kids as they put the effort toward improving themselves!

#### 12 Students who caught up to grade level 504 Services Gifted/Talented Program 8 Special education students **Testing for services Dyslexia** services

# **CAMPUS STATISTICS**





HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

**20** AVG. NUMBER OF A/B HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

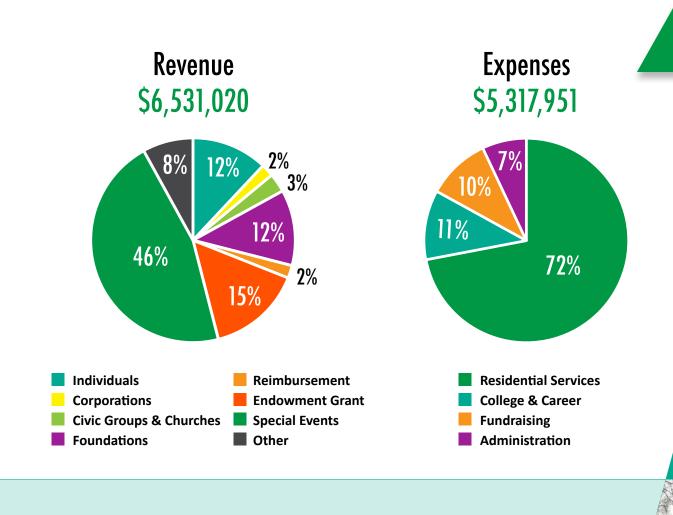
COLLEGE GRADUATES

IN Military

**AP CLASSES** 

HONORS CLASSES

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Totaling over

\$72,334

in valued hours

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

# **Endowment Fund** \$27.9 Million

in endowment assets

chairs at the children's table

scholarship funds



were provided These financials are in the process of being audited. To view our most recent statements visit www.bit.ly/bgcfinancials

hours of service

2,535

995

volunteers

served BGC



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