# Communication

# **BGCGC Letter of Support**

Communication from Bill Bresser (CEO BGCGC) received on Feb 2, at 2:18pm.





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January 15, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express The University of Cincinnati Gen-1 Program / 1MPACT House's support of the Boys & Girls Clubs' (BGC's) project to construct a youth workforce development center which will enable more 10th-12th graders to determine a path to self-sufficiency after high school.

Cincinnati is experiencing major challenges surrounding childhood poverty and youth violence. The goal of BGC's youth workforce development program is to graduate teens from high school with a viable plan, work experience, a resume, and a mentor. They will partner with businesses, the military, universities, and trade schools to open doors for teens on the threshold of adulthood. The program will include remedial high school work, job readiness and placement, and fun like field trips and gaming, as well as a nightly dinner and snack. BGC would like to pay students for program participation by starting savings accounts. The youth workforce development program will be free like existing BGC programs.

BGC has been addressing critical issues among Cincinnati youth in grades K-12 since 1939. Considering input from the BGC staff, board, caregivers, community stakeholders, and the students themselves, they now desire to commit more resources to their oldest students who are most vulnerable to external negative influences.

The University of Cincinnati Gen-1 Program / 1MPACT House has partnered with BGC over the last several years by creating a partnership to ensure first-generation college students are supported, and advocated for, during their transition to college and beyond. VP Crystal Allen has volunteered for several Gen-1 Program events including accountability presentations to our first-year course, sessions during our summer Early Arrival Program, and as a mentor during our Business Experience event, an event to teach our students about business etiquette, networking, and how to dress and prepare for a job interview. Several of our Gen-1 students were students at BGC's of Greater Cincinnati and have voiced that those experiences were fundamental in their success today. I am confident the BGC organization, and its growth, is critical for our city.

The University of Cincinnati Gen-1 Program / 1MPACT House asks that you support BGC's efforts to bring more opportunities to teens in underserved neighborhoods in Cincinnati. We appreciate your time and attention to this request and are happy to provide additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

Amber M. Conley
Assistant Director, Gen-1 Program / 1MPACT House
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## January 6, 2022

#### Dear Council:

When I say I would not be the person I am today without the Boys and Girls Club, I literally mean I would not be the mother, wife, educator, and advocate for the youth of Price Hill that I have become. 30 years ago, the BGC has provided me with support, safety, educational opportunities, and opened my eyes to a world of possibilities that I would not have known existed otherwise. Just as the BGC was there for me, I encourage the city of Price Hill to be a voice for our youth, and support their endeavors through the building of the workforce development center.

Growing up in Price Hill, I was not handed an easy lot in life. I struggled, just as many of our youth today are struggling. The BGC gave me a chance to see and live up to my potential. It gave me a safe place to spend evenings off the streets, provided me with food, allowed me to form lifelong connections with strong, positive role models, and helped me believe it was possible to set and achieve lofty personal goals. In fact, the BGC sponsored a trip to visit a local college, and it was on that trip that I found my calling. Many years and 4 college degrees later, I am living my dream of working in Special Education with the children of Covington. This simply would not have been possible were it not for the BGC of Price Hill.

Just as the BGC was there for me, I am urging the city of Price Hill to continue this tradition and create a safe, free, equally accessible, supportive, positive space for future generations. The workforce development center is exactly what the city needs in order to propel our children forward, and open their eyes to worlds of possibilities they might not otherwise know exist. In conjunction with businesses, the military, universities, and schools, the new workforce development center would assist in helping students achieve workforce readiness, and help them in their journey to becoming productive members of our society. The BGC truly changed the direction of my life. I will be forever grateful, and I can't wait to witness how many other youth are positively impacted by the generosity, dedication and hard work the BGC can offer to the children and community of Price Hill.

Sincerely, Audrey Everett



January 4, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing to express the Reds Community Fund's support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati (BGCGC) and their efforts to construct a youth workforce development center. The center will enable more 10th-12th graders to determine a path to self-sufficiency after high school.

The BGCGC has been a long-time partner of the Reds and the Reds Community Fund, as well as one of the primary community partners of Major League Baseball. They are a true partner in every sense, serving the most vulnerable kids and families in our community. We're grateful beyond words for the BGCGC mission, leadership and staff.

Cincinnati is experiencing major challenges surrounding childhood poverty and youth violence. The goal of the BGCGC's youth workforce development program is to graduate teens from high school with a viable plan, work experience, a resume, and a mentor. They will partner with businesses, the military, universities, and trade schools to open doors for teens on the threshold of adulthood.

The program will include remedial high school work, job readiness and placement, fun activities, as well as a nightly dinner and snack. The BGCGC hopes to pay students for program participation by establishing savings accounts. Similar to other BGCGC programs, the youth workforce development program will be free for participants.

The BGCGC has been addressing critical issues for Cincinnati youth in grades K-12 since 1939. Considering input from the staff, board, caregivers, community stakeholders, and the students themselves, they now desire to commit more resources to their older students who are most vulnerable to external negative influences.

The Reds Community Fund asks that you support the BGCGC's efforts to bring more opportunities to teens in underserved neighborhoods in Cincinnati. We appreciate your time and attention to this request and are happy to provide additional information as needed. I can be reached at 513-765-7231 or <a href="mailto:cfrank@reds.com">cfrank@reds.com</a>.

Sincerely.

Charley Frank Executive Director Reds Community Fund



January 12, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express Santa Maria Community Services' support of the Boys & Girls Clubs' (BGC's) project to develop a youth workforce development center which will enable more 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to determine a path to self-sufficiency after high school.

Cincinnati is experiencing major challenges surrounding childhood poverty and youth violence. The goal of BGC's youth workforce development program is to graduate teens from high school with a viable plan, work experience, a resume, and a mentor. They will partner with businesses, the military, universities, and trade schools to open doors for teens on the threshold of adulthood. The program will include remedial high school work, job readiness and placement, and fun like field trips and gaming, as well as a nightly dinner and snack. BGC would like to pay students for program participation by starting savings accounts. The youth workforce development program will be free like existing BGC programs.

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Santa Maria Community Services provides a wide range of family-strengthening and self-sufficiency services including similar but complementary workforce development services for older teens. However, while BGC's proposed youth workforce development program is focused on 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders who are in school, Santa Maria's program assists out-of-school youth in Greater Cincinnati, those who for a variety of reasons are no longer part of the formal K-12 educational system. Santa Maria commits to working collaboratively with this proposed new program for in-school youth.

We ask that you support BGC's efforts to bring more opportunities to older teens in underserved neighborhoods in Cincinnati. We appreciate your time and attention to this request and are happy to provide additional information if needed.

H.A. Musser, Jr. President and CEO

Sincerely,

Santa Maria Community Services

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January 10, 2022

## To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express Camp Joy's support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati's (BGC's) project to construct a youth workforce development center which will enable more 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to determine a path to self-sufficiency after high school.

Cincinnati is experiencing major challenges surrounding childhood poverty and youth violence, with tragic consequences. The goal of BGC's youth workforce development program is to graduate teens from high school with a viable plan, work experience, a resume, and a mentor. BGC will partner with businesses, the military, universities, and trade schools to open doors for teens on the threshold of adulthood, and support youth as they enter a new chapter of independence and responsibility in their lives. The program will include remedial high school work, job readiness and placement, and fun like field trips and gaming, as well as a nightly dinner and snack. BGC would like to pay students for program participation by starting savings accounts. The youth workforce development program will be free like existing BGC programs.

BGC has been addressing critical issues among Cincinnati youth in grades K-12 since 1939. With input from the BGC staff, board, caregivers, community stakeholders, and the students themselves, BGC has a clear mandate to commit more resources to their oldest students who are most vulnerable to external negative influences.

Camp Joy has a long-standing partnership with BGC to offer a full week of summer camp and two weekend reunions each year. These programs are designed around BGC's learning philosophy to make the values lived at neighborhood clubs everyday a seamless part of the Camp Joy experience. Many of these campers return year after year resulting in long-lasting friendships, increased self-confidence, and more solid social skills. This unique outdoor education and leadership partnership helps prepare kids for a successful future. BGC's proposed workforce development program continues these efforts for older teens.

I enthusiastically support BGC in its efforts to bring more opportunities to teens in underserved neighborhoods in Cincinnati, and have no doubt this new endeavor will prove just as successful in the lives of BGC's kids as the work they have been doing for over 80 years. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jen Eismeier Executive Director

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for





January 8, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express Necco's support of the Boys & Girls Clubs' project to construct a youth workforce development center which will enable more 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to determine a path to self-sufficiency after high school.

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Necco has partnered with BGC over the past few years to provide a way to deliver mental health services within the club and provide onsite support to youth. We worked with BGC through the pandemic to help support families. Through our partnership with BGC we have been able to serve youth that may not otherwise have access to mental health services.

Necco asks that you support BGC's efforts to bring more opportunities to teens in underserved neighborhoods in Cincinnati. We appreciate your time and attention to this request and are happy to provide additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

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January 14, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express South Avondale's support of the Boys & Girls Clubs' (BGC's) project to construct a youth workforce development center which will enable more 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to determine a path to self-sufficiency after high school.

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South Avondale School has partnered with BGC in support of its afterschool program. Over the years, the students of South Avondale have been a part of the BGC community for afterschool enrichment and homework help, and this continues today.

South Avondale School asks that you support BGC's efforts to bring more opportunities to teens in underserved neighborhoods in Cincinnati. We appreciate your time and attention to this request and are happy to provide additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

April L. Simmons
Principal
South Avondale School

### January 18, 2022

### To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support of the Boys & Girls Clubs' (BGC's) project to construct a youth workforce development center which will enable more 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to determine a path to self-sufficiency after high school.

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As a parent I totally support the BGC as they continue to provide for our youth as they walk into adulthood. This center is the difference and the answer to success as they navigate their way into the next level of life. So many times the only option for our youth is to either go to college or get stuck in low paying jobs that keep them in the cycle of poverty. This center can give them so many other options and allow them to build lives that they can be proud of. Without the BGC many of our youth are eft trying to figure the next option on their own with little to no success.

I ask that you would be a door holder and give our youth the opportunity to walk through the door that leads to a prosperous healthy future.

I have dedicated my time as well as my talents over the years to always support the youth of the BGC. I will continue to do so with help from my coworkers here at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and my church Peace Baptist Church, who have been very generous when I've asked to donated hats, gloves, socks, basic hygiene materials as well as tutoring.

So I ask that you help to continue the work that you support BGC's efforts to bring more opportunities to teens in underserved neighborhoods in Cincinnati. We appreciate your time and attention to this request and are happy to provide additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

**Evaxie Durand** 

January 18, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express God's Ground's support of the Boys & Girls Clubs' (BGC's) project to construct a youth workforce development center which will enable more 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to determine a path to self-sufficiency after high school.

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God's Ground has partnered with BGC by volunteering on-site when needed (pre-COVID), provided free photo banners and video clips for sports events, and served with annual Thanksgiving Dinner providing meals for all in need.

God's Ground asks that you support BGC's efforts to bring more opportunities to teens in underserved neighborhoods in Cincinnati. We appreciate your time and attention to this request and are happy to provide additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

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