

"The Big Event" Gala for Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix Promises to Be Biggest

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Connect volunteer group for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix (BGCMP) is pulling out all the stops to bring the biggest and best "The Big Event" gala yet. The eighth annual charity celebration taking place Saturday, May 6 at the Camelback Esplanade will feature delicious dining, celebrity hosts, more than 200 live auction items and entertainment as guests come together to raise awareness and funds directly benefiting the deserving children of BGCMP. Tickets are \$100 per person including all-inclusive food and beverages and can be purchased online at bgcmp.org with all proceeds benefitting BGCMP.

For more than 70 years, BGCMP has provided engaging and educational after school programs, activities and events for the Valley's children. The nurturing and fun environment at BGCMP aims to help youth and teens reach their full potential in life as responsible and mindful citizens. All proceeds from BGCMP events directly fund these programs.

Leonel Cano, BGCMP's 2017 Youth of the Year, will be present to share his personal story at the event. Cano has been a dedicated member to the Ed Robson Family Branch since it first opened its doors in 2008. He participates in all opportunities offered at his Club, and inspires younger members by teaching art and dance, as well as coaching soccer. Cano plans to attend Grand Canyon University and aspires to be a visual artist for Disney or Marvel Studios.

To ensure Phoenix and West Valley Club kids have a safe and supportive place to attend after school activities, the Connect volunteer group raised nearly \$100,000 through "The Big Event" in 2016. Over the years Connect has raised funds for the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Phoenix through major events such as The Big Event, Hearts-4-Clubs and Birdies and Greens Golf Tournament.

"We are so thankful to have the opportunity to consistently encourage and inspire our Valley's youth by providing after school programs and activities, which wouldn't be possible without the loyal members of our community," said Justin Low, Connect president and financial advisor and vice president at Morgan Stanley. "Ultimately, our objective with this year's "The Big Event" is to raise a record-breaking amount of funds to support our commendable youth as they continue to make a difference in the world."

For more information about The Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix and "The Big Event," or to learn how to get involved, visit www.bgcmp.org or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BGCMP>.

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SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017
Camelback Esplanade

- LIVE AUCTION
- SILENT AUCTION
- LOCAL FOOD
- CELEBRITY HOSTS
- LIVE MUSIC



Where: Camelback Esplanade
2515 E. Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016

When: Sat, May 6, 2017 at 6:00pm

What: Delicious food, celebrity hosts, local entertainment and more than 200 live and silent auction items

Tickets: \$100 all-inclusive food and beverage

All proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- Guests must be 21 or over to attend
- Must have a valid i.d. to enter the event
- No physical tickets are needed; Your name will be on the registration list at the door
- Attire: Casual Cocktail
- Cash or credit cards are both accepted for any purchases - You will receive a receipt from BGCMP for all contributions made before or during the event; please contact your tax accountant to determine whether your contribution is tax deductible
- Photos will be taken during the event. By attending this event you agree that BGCMP retains the right to use said photos in future marketing materials



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