



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF McALLEN

The Boys & Girls Club of McAllen Road to Success

***BGCM Mission: To inspire and enable all young people especially those who need us most, to realize their potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens.***

1. The Boys & Girls Club of McAllen served **11,788** youth and teen members in 2007, with **16,086** total touched in outreach services, in **11 sites** around the city.

2. **Three new sites** opened in September 2007 in local schools touching youth that do not normally access services in clubhouses. These sites join 6 additional school sites which formed the BGC McAllen Youth First Alliance in 2006. Alliance partners McAllen ISD, IDEA Public Schools, Quest Academy and Sylvan Learning Center serve more than **750 at risk youth in schools** to date.

3. BGCM is more than a youth hang out or sports program. We offer comprehensive after-school and weekend programs in youth development and leadership skills building such as:

- ***Education & Career Development***
- ***Health & Life Skills***
- ***The Arts***
- ***Character & Leadership Development***
- ***Sports, Fitness & Recreation***
- ***Specialized Programs for Gang Prevention: Targeted Outreach***

One such program is the Summer Parks Program in which 210 new youth participated in prevention activities at city parks.

4. The Department of Justice states that juvenile crime occurs during the after-school hours, between 4pm. – 8pm. These are BGCM peak hours of operation.

5. ***Between 60% and 90% of our youth (depending on which center) come from single parent homes***, making our availability to latch key kids essential!

6. While our membership remains \$5.00 annually so that all children may have club access regardless of social economic status, there is a charge for special programs, such as camps and sports. It costs **\$144** per youth annually to operate BGCM, while the BGCA national average cost per youth annually is \$260. Youth incarceration exceeds \$40,000 annually. ***BGCM is a tremendous value!***

***BGCM Alumni share that the Boys & Girls Club of McAllen changed or saved their lives through mentoring and at risk prevention programs.***