



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE NORTH VALLEY**
Serving Butte & Glenn Counties
Local Kids • Great Futures



QUOTES:

It was an amazing experience! I learned so much about public speaking” -Natalie H.

“It gave me a chance to speak out and make my voice heard. It also allowed me to open up more to others.” -Arya P.

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Each year, one exceptional Club member is chosen to represent the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley as the Youth of the Year. This individual serves as an ambassador and a voice for local youth. Throughout the decades, these outstanding individuals have embodied the mission of the Boys & Girls Club, demonstrating the profound impact that Clubs have in transforming and positively influencing the lives of kids in our region.

The journey to Youth of the Year is thrilling and inspiring. Thousands participate in local, state, and regional events. Six stand out, advancing to the National Youth of the Year Celebration. One exceptional young person becomes the national teen spokesperson for Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

The Youth of the Year program is valuable for participants and the community. It offers a platform for personal growth and skill development, especially in leadership, public speaking, and advocacy. Being chosen as Youth of the Year is prestigious, boosting self-esteem and validating exceptional achievements. This empowers youth to inspire peers to succeed, irrespective of their backgrounds. It highlights the positive impact of Boys & Girls Clubs and offers networking for education and career advancement, fostering empowered, impactful, and inspirational community leaders.

THE CHALLENGE AHEAD

Engaging teens in leadership programs poses challenges, including busy schedules, diverse interests, and limited resources. Ensuring accessibility, sustaining motivation, adapting to be relevant and addressing peer influence are also crucial. Moreover, creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment is essential in overcoming these obstacles. Positive adult mentorship empowers teens, building their confidence and readiness for leadership roles in their communities and beyond.

The Youth of the Year program is among the leadership initiatives provided. BGCNV tailors programs to meet the unique needs of teens, shaping the next generation of leaders.

Driving Solutions

- Develop Interpersonal Communication
- Strengthen Public Speaking Abilities
- Improve Decision-Making
- Foster Critical Thinking
- Support Academic Progress
- Increase Understanding of Democracy
- Instill Responsibility, Pride & High Standards
- Cultivate Leadership Skills
- Foster a Lifelong Dedication to Community Engagement and Volunteerism