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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE BIG BEND**

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend Facts and Figures

LOCAL IMPACT

Based on a 2008 study of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend members:

- 60% experienced improvement in their academic achievement
- 80% saw improvement in their study skills
- 90% of new members increased their homework time to eight or more hours per week
- 84% significantly improved their basic computer skills
- 60% demonstrated an understanding of practical banking concepts
- 90% of parents/guardians reported that members' overall behavior had improved
- 73% reported improvement in artistic and music ability
- 100% increased knowledge of good nutrition and eating habits
- 79% of members reached Healthy Fitness Zone levels on three or more items

STATEWIDE IMPACT

According to a 2008 study conducted by Florida TaxWatch, Florida Boys & Girls Clubs **save taxpayers millions of dollars** in costs associated with high school drop-outs and juvenile offenders. Boys & Girls Club members throughout the state are more likely to graduate high school, less likely to commit truancy and other more serious crimes, less likely to experience teenage pregnancy and less likely to require government-provided healthcare in the future.

In addition, a recent study by the Rose Institute on State and Local Government found that **for every \$1 invested** in after-school programs like the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend, **taxpayers save \$3** by reducing juvenile arrests, incarceration, grade repetition and other costs to society.

NATIONAL IMPACT

According to a recent survey conducted by Harris Interactive:

- 90% of Boys & Girls Clubs alumni nationwide graduate high school
- 75% are actively involved in their communities
- 57% said the Club saved their life

In the same study, Boys and Girls Clubs alumni said that Club staff:

- Helped them learn right from wrong (85%)
- Boosted their self-confidence (82%)
- Enhanced their ability to avoid trouble with the law (67%)

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