



# 100+ Women Who Care Support Local Mentoring Program for Teenage Boys

Boys to Men of Greater Phoenix

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Giving boys a helping hand along the rocky road to manhood is the goal of Boys to Men of Greater Phoenix, a local nonprofit that provides trained male mentors in a school setting. The mentors don't tutor, yet the boys they meet see their grades improve. They don't tell them what to do, and the boys have fewer behavioral issues.

Boys to Men volunteers are men and women who believe every boy deserves a chance to succeed. They take a stand for the next generation of boys, supporting them as they move toward successful manhood. As a 90% volunteer organization, they train men to create a safe place where boys 13- 18 can be authentic and discover their truth.

They combine a proven group mentoring model with a goal-oriented, boy-focused Motivational Interviewing process that allows boys to discover their inner resources and to develop emotional intelligence. Men support the boys as they face the obstacles that stand in the way of becoming good men. They will challenge the boys' stories, attitudes, and choices, while guiding them in learning integrity, accountability, and compassion.

Mentors model healthy masculinity, without fixing or rescuing the boys. They shine a light on what's true about each boy, inviting him to step into being the man he knows he

can become. Trained mentors listen, accept, and encourage the boys as they step into positive change that will serve them during this challenging stage of development. Together with their school partners, Kyrene and Tempe Union, they reduced total days of suspension in a year by 45%.

Marni Anbar shared this nonprofit with her 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun group in Ahwatukee resulting in a \$15,000 donation that will help the organization go into more schools and impact more boys.

"We are excited to launch a new Girls to Women program in early 2024 with the plan to expand to our other school next school year. We need women and men willing to volunteer for as little as one hour a week in order grow our capacity to serve more kids 12-18," shared Steve Murphy, Executive Director. "This donation will help us with this expansion."

Since 100+ Women Who Care's inception in 2015, over \$1,150,000 has been donated to local charities. To learn more or to register for their upcoming giving circle on January 23, visit <https://100wwcvalleyofthesun.org/>. To learn more about Boys to Men of Greater Phoenix, visit <https://www.boystomenphoenix.org/>.