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## **Camrae McManaman Named Youth of the Year of the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Phoenix**

*Peoria High School Junior awarded Clubs' highest honor*

**(Phoenix, AZ February 18, 2014)**— Peoria High School Junior Camrae McManaman was named 2014 Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix. Camrae's outstanding leadership, commitment to sports and the arts, and compassion for her community inspired a full house of more than 1,250 guests at the *Today's Kids, Tomorrow's Stars* gala at the Arizona Biltmore on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

At the Boys & Girls Clubs, Camrae blossomed into a strong leader who cares deeply for helping others. "Community service is important to me because there are so many things that need to be done in my community," she says. "I feel like the only way to get it done is just to step up and do it."

Camrae has "stepped up" for the Special Olympics, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix, the Pat Tillman Run, and St. Mary's Food Bank. She helped a nursing home clean up their art room, and she now leads art classes there. She volunteers as a coach and mentor for baseball, volleyball and flag football, as well as serving as an athletic trainer for her school's football and wrestling teams. Last summer, she volunteered over 300 hours at the Boys & Girls Clubs.

"The Peoria Boys & Girls Club is my second home and my second chance. I have no doubts that it saved my life. It gave me a safe place and an environment where I could grow."

Camrae is in the top 10% of her class and a writer for her school newspaper. She plans to attend Barrett Honors College at ASU, and to someday attend dental school. She will be the first in her family to graduate college.

Camrae now advances to the state Youth of the Year competition in April.

### **About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix**

Since 1946, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix has empowered all youth—especially those who need us most—to reach their full potential as caring, productive, responsible citizens. Each year, 23,000 youth benefit from our life-changing after-school programs and services at 12 Clubhouses, outreach programs in local schools, and Parsons Dental Clinic. Visit [www.bgcmp.org](http://www.bgcmp.org) for more information.

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