



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF METRO PHOENIX**

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ROSS STORES PARTNER WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF METRO PHOENIX TO ENHANCE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL YOUTH AND TEENS

Phoenix, Ariz. – May 31, 2017 – Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix (BGCMP) and Ross Stores, Inc. are partnering to support the Club’s Power Hour program, an interactive after-school homework assistance program for members, ages 6 to 18 years-old.

Nationally, one out of five youth will not graduate from high school on time, usually due to serious challenges they face personally and academically. BGCMP Power Hour program offers the opportunity for Club staff to support members by developing a positive attitude about learning while emphasizing the importance of high school graduation.

“Schools alone cannot meet the evolving needs of youth and teens, especially during the hours following school,” said Marcia Mintz, BGCMP chief executive officer. “By working together with Ross Stores to offer Power Hour, we are addressing the Valley’s high school dropout crisis by helping our Club kids achieve academic success.”

The partnership with Ross Stores will assist in making the program a more effective tool to keep members on top of their academic studies as well as provide the Club with staff training and resources. Additionally, local Ross store employees will have an opportunity to volunteer their time at any of BGCMP’s 13 Clubs.

“Supporting the local communities we serve is an important focus for us,” said Leslie Oestreicher, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability for Ross Stores. “The Power Hour program provides youth with the opportunity to learn and develop skills that enable them to be successful in their studies and set them up for successful futures.”

Power Hour is one of Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s top national programs supporting academic success. It is the organization’s vision to assure success is within reach of every young person who enters the doors of a Club, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix provides after-school and summer programs in some of the Valley's most deserving neighborhoods. Our programs focus on four key areas: Academic Success, Healthy Choices, Be Great-Do Good and Fun with a Purpose, providing youth with the tools they need to enjoy childhood and become successful adults. Every year, thousands of children and teens benefit from programs through our 13 clubhouses, outreach services in the community and children's dental clinic. For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/BGCMP, follow us on Twitter @bgcmp or visit www.bgcmp.org.

About Ross Stores, Inc.:

Ross Stores, Inc. is an S&P 500, Fortune 500 and Nasdaq 100 (ROST) company headquartered in Dublin, California, with fiscal 2014 revenues of \$11.0 billion. The Company operates Ross Dress for Less® ("Ross"), the largest off-price apparel and home fashion chain in the United States with almost 1,300 locations in 34 states, the District of Columbia and Guam. Ross offers first-quality, in-season, name brand and designer apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family at savings of 20% to 60% off department and specialty store regular prices every day. The Company also operates approximately 170 dd's DISCOUNTS® in 15 states that feature a more moderately-priced assortment of first-quality, in-season, name brand apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family at savings of 20% to 70% off moderate department and discount store regular prices every day. Additional information is available at www.rossstores.com.

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