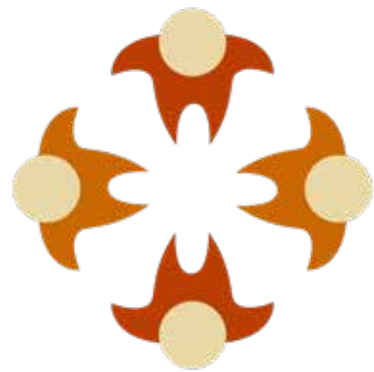


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Who We Are



Mission - Strengthen communities by nurturing intentional spaces for boys, men, and masculine-identified folks to practice honest and mindful relationships.

Vision - Every masculine identified youth has access to mentorship within safe and loving spaces.

Core Values

• **Equity:** We pledge ourselves to recognizing impacts of systematic oppression and to doing our best to practice liberation in the spaces that we facilitate

• **Growth:** Honoring personal development in youth, families, and mentors.

• **Accountability:** We contribute to a culture of personal and shared accountability while centering love and healing.

• **Community:** Building strong, interdependent relationships in Southern Arizona.

• **Healthy Masculinity:** Supporting youth to embrace safe and balanced masculinity.

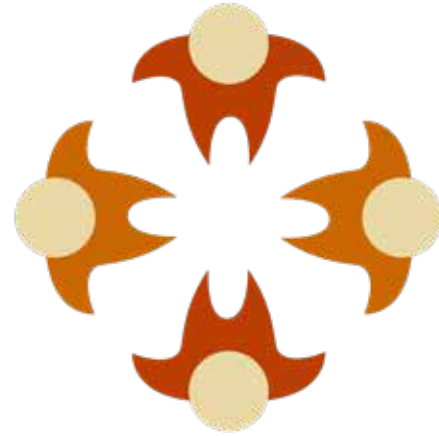
• **Fun:** Joy and play as a foundation for connection.





Our Story

- **Founding and Mission:** Established in 2009 as The Desert Men's Council, Boys to Men Tucson (BTMT) was created to provide mentorship and nurture healthy, intergenerational masculinity among boys and masculine-identified youth in Pima County.
- **Impact and Growth:** Since 2013, BTMT has expanded its Healthy Masculinity Group Mentoring Program to 21 schools, 3 Goodwill Youth Engagement Centers and Juvenile Detention, delivering group-based mentorship that increases academic success, emotional health, and community engagement while focusing on violence prevention
- **Community Partnerships:** BTMT collaborates with key local organizations, including Emerge!, the University of Arizona, Pima County, Juvenile Detention, Social Venture Partners and various school districts



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What we DO



- **School and Community Based Group Mentoring:** Through weekly restorative group circles in schools and community settings, we create safe, supportive spaces for boys and young men to explore healthy masculinity and build essential life skills.
- **Adventure Outings and Weekends:** We organize activities such as hikes, field trips, and team-building experiences that foster trust, resilience, and meaningful connections among boys, mentors, and peers.
- **Pathways to Engagement Program:** This initiative connects youth to culturally responsive mentors, resources, and opportunities, emphasizing academic success, personal growth, and active community involvement.
- **Mentor Training and Program Education:** We equip mentors with the skills and tools needed to support boys and young men through comprehensive training, program education, and ongoing development, ensuring impactful and meaningful engagement.
- **Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement:** Our initiatives include raising awareness about healthy masculinity, building partnerships, and engaging communities to create inclusive, supportive environments for boys and masculine-identified youth.





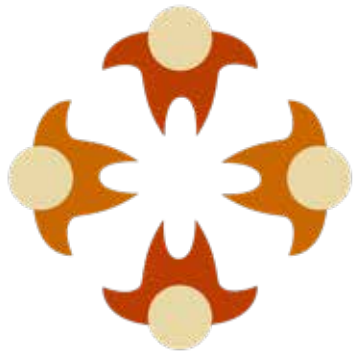
The Cornerstone of our Work: Restorative Circles



What Are Restorative Circles?

A restorative circle is a safe, open space for people to discuss difficult issues and resolve conflicts through dialogue.





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Centering Those we Serve

Our Healthy Masculinity Group Mentoring Program centers on advancing **mental health equity** and **preventing violence** by supporting the socio-emotional growth of boys and masculine-identified youth. By addressing and dismantling harmful norms associated with patriarchal and stereotypical masculinity, we **create spaces** that prioritize safety, authenticity, and overall well-being. Grounded in a, **youth-centered approach**, the program **empowers** participants to take an active role in redefining masculinity on their own lens. Through our restorative “circles,” we promote critical self-awareness, empathy, and a sense of belonging, while participants strengthen relationships with themselves, their peers, and their communities.



Transformative Impact

Key Achievements:

- **250+ Students Impacted** across 22 schools through mentorship and restorative circles.
- **78% of Youth Feel Hopeful and Confident** about their futures post-program.
- **76% of Youth Reported Feeling Comfortable Sharing Their Feelings**—a 20% increase.
- **12% Increase in Feeling Supported by a Peer Group**, doubling since program start.

Community Collaboration:

- Partnerships with key organizations like Goodwill of Southern Arizona and Tucson Unified School District ensure wrap-around support, such as job skills training and mental health workshops.
- New BIPOC Core Mentor program provided **120 mentorship hours**, building trust and representation.

Violence Prevention Success:

- **7% Decrease in Incidents of Aggression and Bullying** among program participants.
- Participants demonstrated improved conflict resolution and coping skills.

Restorative Circles Highlights:

- Facilitated safe spaces for emotional growth, vulnerability, and mutual respect.
- Over **85% of youth reported that program expectations were met or exceeded.**



Fundraising

Key Funders Who Powered Our Mission

1. Osa Foundation
2. Argosy Foundation
3. New Profit Mental Health Equity Initiative

In the Spotlight

Recognition for Excellence:

Boys to Men Tucson was featured in national conversations about youth mental health equity and violence prevention.

Scaling Impact:

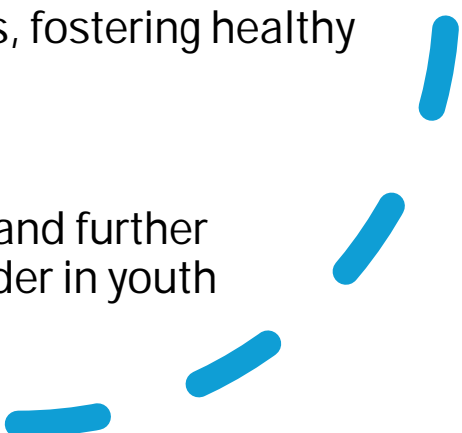
With national funders like New Profit, we will implement scalable programs addressing systemic inequities, mental health access, and gender equity.

Leading the Charge:

Positioned as a model for restorative mentoring programs, fostering healthy masculinity and creating safer communities.

Looking Ahead

We invite continued support to build on this momentum and further establish Boys to Men Tucson as a local and national leader in youth mentorship and mental health equity.





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