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CITY OF MESA CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

City of Mesa Chris Brady, City Manager PO Box 1466 Mesa, AZ 85211

Dear Mr. Brady

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley ~ Grant Woods Branch has been serving youth and teens in the City of Mesa since 1986. We currently serve more than 1,300 members a year at this location and run a very successful Charter School with 230 students in Kindergarten through eighth grade. Mesa Arts Academy is an Excelling School and has received the qualification of an A+ School. In 1995 the City of Mesa and the Boys & Girls Club signed an agreement where we leased the property at 221 W 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Mesa, AZ 85210 for \$1 a year. Our lease expires December of 2013.

Please consider this our official request asking the City of Mesa to transfer the Title of this property to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley. We will continue to use this property to service the youth and families in the community. Currently we operate out of a 29,000 square foot building and five portable units. We are looking to build additional facility to include permanent classrooms and learning areas for the school. In order to pursue our long range plans it would be a necessity to show ownership of the property in order to receive financing and support from our donors.

We are aware that the City of Mesa has accomplished this transfer of title for a couple of our non-profit associates; New Leaf and The Marc Center. We will make sure that The City of Mesa continues to have a presence in our facility. Currently we hold neighborhood meetings, have a strong relationship with the police and fire departments and work with many of the other community groups that focus their efforts in this much needed area of Mesa.

I look forward to discussing this opportunity with you at your earliest convenience. Thank you again for your continued support of our organization and our goal to help make Mesa the best community in Arizona.

Sincerely,

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