



**BOYS & GIRLS**  
**C O U N T R Y**  
A Home for Children

**Boys and Girls Country  
Fact Sheet**

- Boys and Girls Country is a home for children, caring for children and young adults who come from families experiencing crisis.
- In 2017, Boys and Girls Country helped 96 children and 28 young adults.
- Boys and Girls Country, located in Hockley, Texas, was founded in 1971 by T.A. “Tom” Robinson, Jr., owner of First Mortgage Co. of Texas. He initially donated 10 acres of land. The Roberts Road campus is considered a working ranch and sits on 214 acres of land. There are 60 to 65 cows and two bulls at any given time.
- Boys and Girls Country has capacity to serve 48 boys and 40 girls, ages 5 to 18 years old, for a total of 88 children on our Roberts Road Campus.
- Boys and Girls Country is not an orphanage or a foster home. Children do have family members, whether they are immediate or extended. Unfortunately, due to financial or other crises, their families are not able to care for them.
- Many children have experienced some level of trauma, loss, and/or abuse. Educationally, most are two grade levels behind their peers upon entering Boys and Girls Country.
- Some children live at Boys and Girls Country temporarily (an average of three years); some children grow up here. Children attend Waller public schools.
- Boys and Girls Country has cared for 1,469 children and young adults since its inception, helping children grow into adults and breaking their generational cycle of poverty, abuse, neglect or domestic violence.
- Boys and Girls Country focuses on Christian values. Each Cottage family attends church every Sunday and incorporates daily devotions.
- Each child receives basic healthcare needs (including dental), counseling, after-school tutoring, recreation time and spiritual development.

- Boys and Girls Country is licensed to provide a basic level of care. Children live in cottage homes. Each home can house up to eight youth and consists of Teaching Parents who live with them and take care of every day needs.
- 2017 Boys and Girls Country residential demographics:
  - 25% Caucasian
  - 28% Hispanic
  - 36% African-American
  - 11% Mixed or other race
- In 2017, Boys and Girls Country received nearly 2,308 calls for help.
- More than 90% of the children who come to Boys and Girls Country are from families living in poverty.
- In 2017 it cost \$147 per day to care for one child at BGC. This cost includes housing, food, clothing, healthcare, counselling, and teaching parents.
- Children come to us from all 13 counties in the Greater Houston Area, with the majority (81 percent) coming from Harris county.
- Boys and Girls Country receives no government support and is not a United Way member agency. The organization is dependent on private funds, which come from individuals, businesses, civic groups, churches, foundations and volunteer support.

### **College and Career Program**

- Our College and Career campus, located off of FM 2920, sits on 46 acres of land. There are two cottages, a reception facility, lake, and a chapel.
- The College and Career Program started in 1997.
- All youth at Boys and Girls Country are encouraged to transition to the College and Career Campus upon high school graduation. Young adults who have entered into the College and Career program live on the FM 2920 campus.
- There is no cost to residents for the College and Career program. All students are assisted with scholarship and grant applications. Remaining expenses associated with either attending college or first job/career are covered by endowed scholarships. Boys and Girls Country young adults, who follow the rules and show positive grades or progress, have the potential to graduate debt free.
- College and Career residents have entered a two-year or four-year college, trade school, the military or are working full-time.