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**Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida Celebrates Thanksgiving Early  
With Special “Blessings Banquet” Dinner for Over 400 Youth**

*Volunteers, Board Members and Staff Gather to Provide Important Thanksgiving Meal to Local Children in Need*

**Orlando, FL. (November 13, 2008)** – On Tuesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m., Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida (BGCCF), The Positive Place For Kids, will bring together over 400 Club Members from across the local four-county area for a memorable and meaningful Thanksgiving meal.

The entire meal - from start to finish - is made possible thanks to the generosity of BGCCF Board Member and friend, Gary Kaltbaum. In the true holiday spirit of giving, The Kaltbaum family graciously donated all of the food and supplies needed to ensure that every child experiences the best Thanksgiving holiday possible.

The Universal Orlando Club location at 5055 W. Raleigh St., Orlando, FL., will host the annual event while students from the Mid Florida Tech Culinary Arts program prepare the traditional Thanksgiving feast for all of our young guests to enjoy. Club Members, all aged six to eighteen years old, will be treated to a full holiday menu including turkey, green bean casserole, all of the traditional trimmings and sweet treats – a meal they may not otherwise have the chance to experience on Thanksgiving Day.

Over 100 community-based volunteers will be in attendance to help serve the special meal, as well as assist with all of the planned festivities. In addition, a few of Universal Orlando’s most beloved Characters will be on hand to visit with children, as well as bring smiles and laughter to everyone involved.

**About Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida:**

The BGCCF mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. For more information or to find out how you can support the BGCCF movement, call 407-841-6855 or visit [www.bgccf.org](http://www.bgccf.org).

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