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Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida Kicks-Off Construction of New Club in Eatonville

The Eatonville Boys & Girls Club will soon become the Joe R. Lee Branch in honor of retired Darden Executive



Club members join project supporters, Branch board members, town of Eatonville officials and Boys & Girls Clubs staff for the official Construction Kick-Off of a new and long-anticipated Club in the Town of Eatonville.

ORLANDO, FL. (July 8, 2010) – Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida (BGCCF) and the Town of Eatonville hosted an intimate yet ceremonial **Construction Kick-Off** event today at the current Eatonville Branch location of BGCCF on Ruffel street. In attendance were project stakeholders, Branch board members, community supporters and friends of the nonprofit organization. The morning's festivities began with Club members sharing with guests the reason why the "Club" means so much to them and concluded with words of gratitude and encouragement from Town of Eatonville Mayor, Bruce Mount and BGCCF president, Gary Cain.

Slated to replace the current mobile structure, the upcoming **Joe R. Lee Branch** promises to enhance the overall Boys & Girls Clubs experience for children in the Eatonville community. The over 9,000 square foot facility, named after Joe R. Lee, a long-time BGCCF friend and retired Chairman and CEO of Darden Restaurants, will be fully equipped and designed to better serve Club members between the ages of 6-18, as well as have the potential to grow local membership by 50%.

Current financial backers of the construction project include: Darden Restaurants, Winter Park Health Foundation, National Retail Properties and Jack and Jill Foundation. In addition, Aagaard-Juergensen, LLC was selected as the project's general contractors.

ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida 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 Boys & Girls Clubs movement, call 407-841-6855 or visit www.bgccf.org.

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