



*** MEDIA ALERT ***

WINTER PARK OLIVE GARDEN SUPPORTS

JOE R. LEE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WITH SPECIAL MEAL DELIVERY

Olive Garden Invites Guests to Round Up Meal Checks & Donate to BGCA During Seven-Week Never Ending Pasta Bowl Promotion

WHO: To kick off its annual Never Ending Pasta Bowl promotion and a partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), Olive Garden restaurants across the country will deliver and serve their local BGCA club an after-school pasta meal on Sept. 22. Locally, the Winter Park Olive Garden will deliver meals to more than 200 Members at the Joe R. Lee Branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida.

In addition, throughout the seven-week Never Ending Pasta Bowl promotion, Olive Garden is inviting guests to round up their meal checks to the nearest dollar and make a donation to support BGCA. This partnership is part of Olive Garden's ongoing commitment to serve its local communities and is in support of BGCA's mission to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

WHEN: **Monday, Sept. 22 @ 4 p.m.**

WHERE: **400-B Ruffel Street
Eatonville, Fla. 32751**

VISUALS/INTERVIEWS:

- Olive Garden team members arriving at the Club and being greeted by BGCA Members and staff
- Olive Garden team members serving an after-school meal to 200 BGCA Members and staff
- BGCA representative TBD to discuss partnership

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of America

For more than 100 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (GreatFutures.org) has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, more than 4,100 Clubs serve nearly 4 million young people annually through Club membership and community outreach. Clubs are located in cities, towns, public housing and on Native lands throughout the country, and serve military families in BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide. They provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun, friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Priority programs emphasize academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. In a Harris Survey of alumni, 57 percent said the Club saved their lives. National headquarters are located in Atlanta. Learn more at <http://www.bgca.org/facebook> and <http://bgca.org/twitter>.

About Olive Garden

Olive Garden is the leading restaurant in the Italian dining segment with more than 800 restaurants, more than 96,000 employees and more than \$3.6 billion in annual sales. Olive Garden is a division of Darden Restaurants, Inc. (NYSE:[DRI](#)), which owns and operates more than 1,500 restaurants that generate approximately \$6.3 billion in annual sales. Darden is recognized for a culture that rewards caring for and responding to people. In 2014, Darden was named to the FORTUNE "100 Best Companies to Work For" list for the fourth year in a row. Olive Garden is committed to making a difference in the lives of others in the local community. As part of this commitment, Olive Garden restaurants have donated nearly 30 million pounds of food to local community food banks across the country. For more information, visit www.olivegarden.com. Connect with us at Facebook.com/OliveGarden, Twitter.com/OliveGarden and Instagram.com/OfficialOliveGarden.