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JACOB STUART TO CHAIR CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN 2017

(February 14, 2017, ORLANDO, Fla.) Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida is delighted to announce that Jacob Stuart will serve as Event Chair for Celebrate the Children 2017, the organization's annual gala dinner and auction. Mr. Stuart has served as President of the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce for 32 years, and as President of the Central Florida Partnership since 2007.

The gala will be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott on Friday, April 28, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The evening's festivities will include cocktails and dining, silent and live auctions, live entertainment and inspiring speakers, including this year's Youth of the Year.

Perhaps more than any other individual, Mr. Stuart is responsible for the unprecedented regional growth that Central Florida has experienced in recent years. A stalwart advocate for a regional approach to building our family of communities, Mr. Stuart's guidance has helped position Central Florida as a world-class leader in transportation, health care, workforce development and international business.

BGCCF President & CEO Gary Cain said, "It is a great honor to have Jacob Stuart at the helm of our signature event. I can't think of a person who has done more to create opportunity for the workforce of tomorrow, and as such, the boys and girls of today."

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In accepting the chairmanship, Mr. Stuart said, “Every day, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida works with the most vulnerable members of our community—at-risk children—to equip them with the life skills and confidence they need to be happy and productive citizens of our community. I’m honored and delighted to be chairing this event.”

To learn about partnership opportunities, or to purchase individual tickets to the gala, please contact Pamela Sible at psible@bgccf.org or (407) 841-6855.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida

Since 1944, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida has provided at-risk children from the local community, between the ages of 6 and 18, with a safe place to learn and grow. Our membership totals nearly 14,000 young people at 30 Clubs and middle school sites in Brevard, Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. 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. Learn more at 407.841.6855, www.bgccf.org, [facebook.com/bgccf](https://www.facebook.com/bgccf), or twitter.com/bgccf.

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