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**Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida Receives \$100,000.00 Grant
from Kiwanis Club of Orlando Foundation**

ORLANDO, July 12, 2017 – Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida (BGCCF) recently received a \$100,000.00 grant from the Kiwanis Club of Orlando Foundation, in connection with the Hughes Branch Capital Campaign.

Scheduled to open next month, the Hughes Branch Boys & Girls Club will serve the Parramore neighborhood in downtown Orlando. The newly-constructed Club is located on the campus of the OCPS Academic Center for Excellence. The 30,300 sq. ft. facility will increase BGCCF's service capacity in the troubled neighborhood from 55-65 youth daily to more than 350 youth daily. The Club is named for the Hughes Family, which provided the lead gift for construction; a learning center in the Club will be named for the Kiwanis Club of Orlando Foundation.

"We are deeply grateful to the men and women of the Orlando Kiwanis," said Gary Cain, President & CEO. "Over the years, the Foundation has also helped fund our Youth of the Year program, our annual Celebrate the Children campaign, and the Dueling Dragons boating program. Their support has been essential to serving the nearly 14,000 at-risk children who come to our Clubs."

The children to be served by the Hughes Branch will be among the neediest in the community. Many who attend live at the Family Shelter of the Coalition for the Homeless; more than 80% live in single parent households and nearly 100% qualify for free or reduced lunch.

In addition to the Kiwanis Club of Orlando Foundation Learning Center, the new, two-story facility will feature a gymnasium, dance and music studios, teen center, computer lab, games room, and kitchen facilities.

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, or twitter.com/bgccf.

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