

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA OPENS FIRST THRIFT STORE
Proceeds to benefit nearly 14,000 at-risk youth at 30 Club locations

(ORLANDO, Fla., August 22, 2016) Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida (BGCCF) is pleased to announce the opening of its first thrift store located at 2054 S.R. 436, Suite 140, Winter Park, FL 32792.

“The goal of the thrift store is to provide the means to serve more children in need,” said President and CEO Gary W. Cain. “We want every child who needs a safe, nurturing place to go after school and during the summer to have a home with Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida.”

The 9,000-square foot store is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The thrift store encourages donations of gently used items from the public. Those interested may drop off items to the store or the Syd & Marianne Levy Service Center located at 101 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32801. Additionally, BGCCF is available to help businesses coordinate a collection event for their employees and arrange large-item pickup at homes and businesses. For more information, contact Patti Johnson at thriftstore@bgccf.org or 407.841.6855, ext. 133.

Needed items include:

- Home and patio furniture
- Housewares and linens
- Clothing, shoes and accessories
- Books and audio books
- CDs, DVDs and records
- Seasonal decorations
- Toys and games
- Appliances less than five years old

Items that cannot be accepted include baby cribs and car seats, mattresses, weapons, TVs and computers.

Proceeds benefit the nearly 14,000 at-risk youth involved with BGCCF who call their Clubs a “home away from home.” Clubs are primarily located in disadvantaged neighborhoods and offer a safe, enriching alternative to spending time on the streets or in an empty home when caregivers are at work. The organization’s 30 Clubs provide structure and guidance by professional staff and volunteers who offer enrichment activities, academic support, and healthy lifestyle guidance.

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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 six 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](tel:407.841.6855) or www.bgccf.org.

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