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**Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida Receives \$57,391.00 Grant
from Universal Orlando Foundation**

ORLANDO, July 19, 2017 – Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida (BGCCF) recently received a \$57,391 grant from Universal Orlando Foundation to benefit *Leaders of Tomorrow*, a leadership academy at the Universal Orlando Foundation Branch.

The grant will provide the seed money to implement the leadership development program, which includes filling crucial staff roles needed to launch the 10-week leadership sessions for Club members in elementary, middle and high school.

“We are very grateful to Universal Orlando Foundation and their continuing support,” said Gary Cain, president and CEO of BGCCF. “Our Club members have greatly benefitted from this very fruitful partnership, and we are very excited to launch this new program together with the Foundation.”

The goal of the program is to equip young people with the basic leadership knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in today’s life and work settings. Club members will have the opportunity to connect with mentors and role models who can offer guidance, provide support and help set clear goals for the future. Young people have greatly benefitted from this type of mentoring. Benefits include improved interpersonal skills, healthier relationships and lifestyle choices and increased high school graduation rates.

Character and Leadership Development is one of BGCCF’s five core programs. *Leaders of Tomorrow* will help to further expand and enhance current services.

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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