



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida Receives Heart of Florida United Way Grant for GREAT Futures Initiative

(ORLANDO, Fla., August 8, 2016) Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida (BGCCF) is pleased to announce the continuation of its GREAT Futures Initiative, which provides career and college readiness programming for 300 middle school students at the East Altamonte, Joe R. Lee, Tupperware Brands, Universal Orlando Foundation and Walt Disney World Clubhouse branches. The program is made possible through a grant from Heart of Florida United Way, Central Florida's most comprehensive health and human services agency. The grant, which is in its third and final year, will provide BGCCF with \$450,000 this year.

"Through our investing in results approach, we assess community needs, discover priorities and set strategies that focus on long-term results," said Heart of Florida United Way President and CEO Robert H. Brown. "The organizations and programs we fund are selected because of the sustainable contributions they can make to the community."

"We are honored to receive this generous grant from Heart of Florida United Way. Middle school is a critical juncture in every child's life, especially children with limited resources and role models. Simply stated, this grant will change lives, enabling us to direct our Club members toward great futures," said Gary W. Cain, President and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida.

BGCCF is just one of the recipients of grants from Heart of Florida United Way. Last year, it raised and managed \$26.1 million throughout Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. HFUW is working to advance the common good by focusing on education, income, health and basic needs. It operates United Way 2-1-1, Central Florida's crisis, suicide and referral helpline; Volunteer Resource Center; Gifts In Kind Center; Emergency Homelessness Services; and the Ryan White Part B program, which administers more than \$2 million to provide HIV/AIDS services and referrals. HFUW impacts more than 600,000 individuals annually through its direct service and funded programs. United Way partners with local businesses, government and other charities to increase awareness of local health and human service issues and to inspire hope, provide options and create possibilities for people in need. Visit www.HFUW.org for more information, or call (407) 835-0900.

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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