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## STATE FARM GRANTS BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA \$10,000 FOR TEEN SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM

(March 13, 2017, ORLANDO, Fla.) Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida received a \$10,000 grant from State Farm to support the Teen Safe Driving Program at the Tupperware Brands Branch. The State Farm grant will expand the program to include an additional 30 high school students who are not Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida (BGCCF) members, for a total of 120 student participants.

The 4-week program (UPS Road CodeSM) focuses on development of skills related to safe driving, and includes activities that allow learners to reflect on, reinforce and demonstrate these skills. The method involves the use of sophisticated UPS driving simulators, allowing participants to make mistakes in a risk-free environment rather than on the road.

Each week during the program, a State Farm employee will teach the participating teens about the importance of auto insurance and the impact a safe driving record can have on their insurance premiums.

"Quality driver training is a luxury that many of the youth we serve can't afford," said Gary Cain, President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida. "We are so grateful to State Farm for allowing us to expand this program to serve additional at-risk youth."

## **About State Farm**

State Farm, well known for being a "good neighbor" by "being there" for customers, was founded in 1922 by retired farmer and insurance salesman George Jacob "G.J." Mecherle. State Farm now insures more cars and homes than any other insurer in the U.S. A mutual company focused on its policyholders, State Farm is currently ranked number 41 on the Fortune 500 list of largest companies. The mission of State Farm is to help people manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected, and realize their dreams. More information is available at <a href="https://www.statefarm.com/">https://www.statefarm.com/</a>.

**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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