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Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida Receives SunTrust Foundation's 2018 Lighting the Way Award and \$75,000 Grant

Orlando, October 18, 2018 – Recognized for its philanthropic contributions to the region's at-risk youth, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida (BGCCF) was awarded a 2018 Lighting the Way Award and \$75,000 grant by the SunTrust Foundation.

The SunTrust Foundation's Lighting the Way Awards recognizes select nonprofit organizations that strengthen their local communities through programs that help people better their circumstances and gain financial confidence.

"We're committed to building stronger communities, and our nonprofit partners are addressing community needs in innovative and very meaningful ways," said Stan Little, president of the SunTrust Foundation. "Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida is improving the lives of many people, and we applaud their mission, long-term service and the impact they're making where it's most needed."

BGCCF is one of 36 nonprofits recognized by the 2018 Lighting the Way Awards in the categories of financial education, financial counseling, small business and entrepreneurship, and career readiness and workforce development. These organizations spanned the Southeast and Midwest regions and received a total of \$2.7 million in grants.

"We are so honored to receive a 2018 Lighting the Way Award, as we have a deep commitment to improving the financial literacy of our Club members through our Money Matters and Reality Check programs," said Gary Cain, President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida. "The vast majority of our Club members come from families that struggle financially; by helping

our members understand the importance of budgeting, planning, and saving, we're breaking the cycle of poverty, not just for them, but for future generations."

Established in 2008, the SunTrust Foundation is committed to supporting a wide range of financial well-being efforts through grants and partnerships with local philanthropic organizations. To date, the SunTrust Foundation has awarded more than \$140 million in grants to organizations across the United States.

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 exceeds 15,000 young people at 35 Clubs and middle school sites in seven 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.

About the SunTrust Foundation

The SunTrust Foundation is dedicated to SunTrust Bank's purpose of Lighting the Way to Financial Well-Being by engaging organizations to advance financial confidence. Grants and activities focus primarily on financial empowerment, but also include education, health and human services, civic improvement and cultural growth. The SunTrust Foundation supports American Red Cross disaster relief efforts and contributes as a United Way Global Corporate Leader. Established in 2008, the SunTrust Foundation has proudly provided grants totaling more than \$140 million throughout the United States.

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