



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

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**Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida Receives
\$200,000 Capital Gift from Kiwanis Club of Orlando
Foundation, Inc.**

ORLANDO, July 26, 2019 – Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida (BGCCF) has received a \$200,000 gift from the Kiwanis Club of Orlando Foundation toward the construction of the Jacqueline Bradley and Clarence Otis Family Branch in Orlando. The gift will name the Education Center within the new Club.

The 30,000 sq. ft. Bradley-Otis Club will be located in Orlando's West Lakes Community, near Camping World Stadium, as part of the LIFT Orlando complex. The Kiwanis Club of Orlando Foundation Learning Center will play an integral role in Club programming, which aims to provide the resources necessary for Club members to compete academically and prepare for higher education and/or vocational training. The Bradley-Otis Club is a critical link in LIFT's "Cradle to Career Pipeline," designed to dramatically improve opportunities for a neighborhood plagued by concentrated poverty in recent decades.

"The Kiwanis Club of Orlando Foundation is delighted to make this gift in support of the very positive results that are achieved by this outstanding organization for the youth that participate in its programs," said Steve Kirby, the Foundation's President.

"We couldn't be more grateful to the Kiwanis Club of Orlando Foundation," said Gary Cain, President & CEO of BGCCF. "Boys & Girls Clubs bring hope and opportunity to children from disadvantaged circumstances, and we are so grateful to the Orlando Kiwanis for helping us reach the children of this long-neglected area."

Designed by SchenkelSchultz Architecture, the new Club will include a gymnasium, technology center, music lab, art and dance studios, and separate floors for teens and younger children. It will be BGCCF's 36th Club, and will serve an average of 350 children per day. Construction is expected to begin on the Club in late 2019.

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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 6 and 18, with a safe place to learn and grow. Our membership totals more than 15,000 young people at 35 Clubs and middle school sites in 7 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 Instagram [bgccf_clubs](https://instagram.com/bgccf_clubs).

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