



News Release

Contact: Tamara Davis Chapman
Office: 941-366-3911, ext. 121
Cell: 941-894-5564

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ROY MCBEAN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN NEWTOWN BUILDS PERFORMING ARTS WING COMMENCING WITH ENERGIZING DRUM CLASSES

SARASOTA, Fla. (July 27, 2009) – The Roy McBean Boys & Girls Club in Newtown is roaring with excitement over the newly formed drum program. Every member involved in the program at the Club, regardless of age, ethnic or socio-economic background, benefits from these special music classes. Studies prove that drumming relieves stress and enhances the use of fine motor skills and musical patterns sharpen memory. The Club will begin teaching classes in a newly renovated state-of-the-art performing arts wing in the fall.

“This is an exciting and new program at the Roy McBean Club that could not have been possible without the support of the Jay and Becky Kaiserman Foundation,” says Mack Reid, president and CEO of the BGCSC. “We know that this program is going to be successful and our hope is to duplicate the program at all the Clubs in Sarasota County.”

Matt Sperling, long-time donor and friend of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, orchestrated the program this summer at the McBean Club. “My personal goal is to raise \$1,000,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs to enhance the lives of kids in Sarasota County. This grant check from the Kaiserman Foundation marks the halfway point of my fundraising goal,” Sperling emphasizes.

The BGC drumming program currently has 30 members participating two days per week with aspirations of growing when the performing arts wing is completed. To facilitate the program, the Club hired Etienne E.J. Porter, a music teacher at Booker High School’s Visual & Performing Arts Center. Porter has been playing the drums since he was two years old and since has traveled internationally as a percussionist.

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County have played an integral role in the Sarasota County community for more than 39 years, providing daily programs and services to more than 8,000 young people. The Mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County is to enable all young people, especially those that need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

-30-

Editors Note: In the attached photo, the people pictured include:

Standing: Fred Monix and Matt Sperling; seated is E.J.Porter surrounded by Members of the Roy McBean Boys & Girls Club