



News Release

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THE ROBERT AND JOAN LEE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF VENICE IS RECIPIENT OF A GRANT MADE BY THE KATHLEEN F. CELLURA FUND OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SARASOTA COUNTY

Sarasota, Fla. (June 8, 2009) — Summer Camps at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota County (BGCSC) are in full swing and at full capacity serving over 2,000 kids this summer. Through the kind donation of Kathi Cellura, a philanthropist in the Venice Community and Public Relations Liaison, the Joan and Robert Lee Club in Venice is able to assist some families financially to keep their kids in a safe and nurturing environment. Currently in Venice, there are 550 members enrolled in the summer program including 15% attending on the scholarship program.

The BGCSC prides itself on never turning a family away due to financial hardship. No one is deterred from joining. "This year, at all our Clubs in Sarasota County [Sarasota, Newtown, Northport and Venice], the need for scholarships has grown exponentially," says Dawn Page, Area Director BGCSC.

At a time of financial stress for many families in Sarasota County, the Boys and Girls Clubs are proving to be an affordable, steadfast and responsible place for parents to leave their kids during the workday hours. Their summer camps not only provide a safe place, they also enrich, coach and educate kids on topics such as drug and alcohol abuse, reading, art, speech, leadership, culinary arts and money matters.

For additional information regarding donating toward the summer scholarship programs at the Robert and Joan Lee Boys and Girls Club in Venice, call Frances Levinson at (941)366-3911, ext. 126.

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.

Photo Attached Left to Right: Kathi Cellura, Janna Goetz, Jakin McCorkle, Faith Glinatsis, Paul Keim, Unit Director