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Fraternal Order of the Eagles #3896 Supports Learning Opportunities at Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County

HOBE SOUND, FL May 8, 2017 — Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County is pleased to announce support from The Fraternal Order of Eagles. (F.O.E.). Members from Local F.O. E. #3896 scheduled a tour of the Cole-Clark Club in Hobe Sound and made a donation in support of BGCMC's youth development programs.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles has a long history of helping communities grow strong. Combined, F.O.E. Chapters nationwide donate more than \$10 million a year to local communities, giving back 100 percent of the monies raised. Some major accomplishments of the F.O.E. include founding Mother's Day, creating a \$25 million Diabetes Research Center at the University of Iowa, and helping end age-based job discrimination with the Jobs After 40 program.

"It's easy to see why The F.O.E. is known as 'People Helping People'", said Chief Development Officer Renee Booth. "The work they do in communities across America is evident in the organizations and programs they support."

Funding from organizations like the Fraternal Order of Eagles supports award-winning youth development programs at Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Martin County. Several of these programs are

- Project Learn which encompasses 20+ BGCMC programs developed by and continuously improved by Boys & Girls Clubs of America researchers
- BE READY which helps struggling readers in grades 1 – 3,
- and Career Launch which helps Teen members cultivate career development skills.

"In honor of families everywhere, we're pleased to support programs that help Martin County youth learn and grow, and strengthen local families", said Bob Panno

To find out more about youth development programs for children, youth, and teens ages 6-18 at Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County, visit bgcmartin.org. To learn more about how you can support programs that help Martin County youth succeed, contact Renee Booth at 772-545-1255.

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County

Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County provides award-winning youth development programs in literacy, character & good citizenship, and health & wellness for over 2,000 children and teens (6 to 18 years old) in Martin County. Clubs are located in Hobe Sound, Indiantown, Palm City, Port Salerno, and Stuart.

The membership fee of \$35 per school year for children includes after-school hours on early release days, and a full day of programs on most days that schools are closed. Bus transportation to the Clubs is available from most public schools. If you are interested in club membership, please visit any club or call 772-545-1255.

BGCMC is celebrating its 26th year of “building great futures” in Martin County, enabling youth and teens to reach their full potential by staying on track to graduate, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and practicing healthy lifestyles.

Learn more about how you can get involved at bgcmartin.org, facebook.com/BGCMartinCounty and <https://twitter.com/bgcmartincounty>.



Left to Right Richard Plourde and Rosie Haines (F.O.E.), Renee Booth (BGCMC), and Robert Panno (F.O.E.)

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