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Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay begins work on new Club serving youth in Temple Park.

TAMPA—(October 29, 2018)—The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay broke ground on a new Club in Temple Terrace. The Hillsborough County Park located at 7701 Temple Terrace Highway will be the site of the Sam & Laurice Hachem Foundation Temple Terrace Boys & Girls Club.

This new Club will serve youth ages 5-18 and has capacity to serve 100 youth. President and CEO Chris Letsos said, "Opening the Sam & Laurice Hachem Foundation Club is a critical step in providing quality out of school support to youth in Temple Terrace." Letsos added, "This Club will serve as a source of hope to a neighborhood struggling with academic progression, poverty and juvenile crime."

The Club will be the seventh operating under a community collaboration model. Hillsborough Parks & Recreation, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay and The City of Temple Terrace joined forces to bring the vision of this Club to reality. This beacon center will operate in collaboration with The Temple Terrace Police Department offering daily presence of a law enforcement mentor, a model Boys & Girls Clubs uses in six other Clubs partnering with The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. The Chief of Police for Temple Terrace, Ken Albano says, "This Club will be such a blessing for the families and community of Temple Terrace. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work with youth in our community in a positive and impactful way."

The Club will host plenty of outdoor space, a playground and a newly designed US Soccer court thanks to the generosity of Target and US Soccer.

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay

Since 1926, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay has been a positive force in the community; enabling young people to become productive, responsible and caring citizens through structured programming, safe learning environments and dedicated staff. With a focus on three core priority outcomes – Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Improving Character & Leadership, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay provides opportunities to build new skills that raise a Club Member's belief that he or she can succeed and receive recognition for personal, social and academic accomplishments. With multiple Clubs and Middle School sites throughout Hillsborough and Pasco County, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay makes futures great for more than 19,000 young people each year.