



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF TAMPA BAY

PRESS RELEASE

Boys & Girls Clubs Monthly Teen Night Focused on Giving Back

Wilbert Davis Belmont Heights Club, 3515 Sarah Street, Tampa, FL 33605: Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay hosted their monthly Teen Night on December 5th from 6-8 pm at the Wilbert Davis Belmont Heights Club. This holiday themed event engaged Club Members in an evening centered on civic service and helping others in need.

Club Members from all 17 sites in Hillsborough & Pasco counties participated in an organization-wide “Canned Wars”, with each Club competing to see who could collect the most non-perishable goods. The total amount collected equaled more than 1600 goods, all of which will be donated to Metropolitan Ministries. The Club that collected the most items received \$200 worth of vouchers to AMC Theatres.

115 teens between the ages of 13-18 years were in attendance and, along with the food drive project, they decorated wreaths to be given to a local senior citizens community, created a Gingerbread Village for the organization’s main office, and performed a massive clean-up at the Belmont Heights site.

“Developing character and leadership skills is a high priority in our Clubs,” said Cassandra Thomas, Director of Development & Communications for Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay. “Many of the youth we serve live in poverty themselves and so our work here is two-fold; we not only provide our families with the resources necessary to succeed but also teach our Club Members the value of giving back to their communities by participating in service projects that fill a need for others.”

Upon completion of all activities, all Club Members had the opportunity to sit down for a formal holiday meal, courtesy of Bones Bar-B-Q and Catering, Brenda’s Soul Food & Caribbean, and McDonald’s.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay has been a positive force in the community for 85 years; 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 each Club Member’s belief that he or she can succeed and receive recognition for personal, social and academic accomplishments.

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