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\$2.5 Million Given to Renovate and Expand Local Boys & Girls Club

The Sam & Laurice Hachem Family Donate Funds to Help Change Lives for Hundreds of Youth

JANUARY 2017, TAMPA, FL: Through the generous support of the Sam and Laurice Hachem family, a gift of \$2.5 million has been given to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay to renovate and expand the Town n' Country Boys & Girls Club facility.

The gift, which was confirmed in early November, is the second largest donation made this year to the organization. A gift in the same amount was given by the Jeff and Penny Vinik family to renovate and expand a Club in Winston Park. The official groundbreaking will occur on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 2 pm at the Town n' Country Club.

"These partnerships are transformational, not only for our youth but for our communities," said Chris Letsos, President & CEO for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay. "What the Hachem family is providing for our Club Members is not just a state-of-the-art space to spend time in afterschool. They are providing these kids with hope for a brighter future."

The Town n' Country Boys & Girls Club is located behind WEBB Middle School and has very limited capacity for the number of youth that attend and need services. Given the proximity of both the Middle and Elementary schools, the current facility is not able to serve the vast amount of youth that could benefit from the programs and resources that the Club provides. The proposed project, made possible by the Hachem family, will not only expand the current site but also include massive interior renovations, that will include a technology lab, games room, teen center, a theatre, and kitchen that will open into a spacious dining hall.

Remaining funds will be used to establish an endowment for what will be the Sam & Laurice Hachem Foundation Boys & Girls Club at Town n' Country Park. The project will break ground in early 2017 and has a completion date set for December 2017.

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay

For 90 years, 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 18 Clubs throughout Hillsborough and Pasco counties and five school sites, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay makes futures great for more than 15,000 young people each year.