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Bradley Baumgardner, President of Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay (left) and Dee Solomon, wife of Freddie Solomon (right), pose with \$50,000 check from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department

## Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department Presents \$50,000 Gift to New Boys & Girls Club

**Freddie Solomon Boys & Girls Club at Nuccio Park, Tampa, FL, October 23, 2013:** The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department presented a \$50,000 gift to Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay in support of the new Club that has opened in the Nuccio Park neighborhood.

In partnership with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department and the Solomon family, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay celebrated the grand opening of its 18<sup>th</sup> Club, the Freddie Solomon Boys & Girls Club at Nuccio Park, on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Named after the late Freddie Solomon, former NFL player and youth advocate, the Club will serve 100 youth daily in the surrounding Nuccio neighborhood, an area that has experienced a surge in juvenile delinquency and criminal behavior.

"This is what Boys & Girls Clubs is about – serving those young people who need us the most. These youth face challenges every day in this community and the Club will offer a safe place for them to learn, grow, and become responsible citizens," said Bradley Baumgardner, President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay. "We wouldn't have been

able to accomplish this without the vision and leadership of both Dee and the Sheriff's Department."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony included an invitation to community members to take a tour of the Club and learn more about the programs that will be implemented there. The Club, which has been made possible through the support of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, will operate Monday through Friday for youth between the ages of 5-18 years.

### **About Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay has been a positive force in the community for more than 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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