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Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay Announces New President & CEO Chris Letsos

TAMPA, FL (August 24, 2015) – Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay has announced the appointment of Chris Letsos as their new President & CEO. He will assume responsibilities on November 1, 2015 and will succeed Brad Baumgardner, who is retiring after more than 40 years in the Boys & Girls Clubs movement.

“Chris’ experience and leadership will have a positive impact on the young people in this community and I am proud of how far he has come in the movement and for this great accomplishment,” said Marc Spencer, Board Chair, for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay. “His results-oriented approach, ability to think strategically, and, most importantly, devotion to our youth, will play a pivotal role as we move forward with our strategic plan of serving more youth, developing staff, diversifying our Board, and securing great futures for our kids.”



“I am honored and humbled to have been chosen to lead this great organization,” said Letsos. “The Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay has been a leader in youth development for nearly 90 years and we will continue to provide our youth with a world class Club experience. We are committed to ensuring that success is within reach of every youth throughout Tampa Bay, especially those who need us the most, and I look forward to continuing my service in this new capacity.”

Letsos first joined the Boys & Girls Club as a youth. He was a Club Member in New York and at the Pasco County Boys & Girls Club. He became a part of the movement as an employee in 1995 and joined Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay in 2006. After working in Club operations as the Grants Manager, Director of Programs and Executive Director of Pasco County, he was named Vice President of Club Operations in 2011.

Letsos earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Florida, as well as a Masters of Arts degree in International Affairs from Florida State University. He resides in Tampa, with his wife, Julie, and their son.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay has been a positive force in the community since 1926; 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, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay makes futures great for more than 12,000 young people each year.