



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF TAMPA BAY

PRESS RELEASE

Boys & Girls Clubs Celebrate Success of 31st Annual Steak Dinner

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay: On Thursday, November 8th, Busch Gardens Tampa and Outback Steakhouse partnered with Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay for the 31st Annual Steak Dinner. The event provided guests with musical entertainment, chance and live auctions, special guest speakers and the chance to hear from the direct beneficiaries of their efforts - our Club Members. 88 youth joined in on the night's festivities and were given the chance to share their story of how Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay has had a positive impact on their lives and what the Club means to them.

VIP guests gathered in the new Animal Care Center before the event to enjoy an open bar, hosted by Coca Cola and Pepin, while interacting with various live animals. The state-of-the-art facility provided guests with a truly unique opportunity to view the space used for animal surgeries, x-rays and other procedures.

While guests dined in the Desert Grill, they were entertained with special guest performer, Jeremy Rosado. Jeremy, a finalist on the hit show "American Idol," sang three songs throughout the course of the night and was joined on stage by youth for his final performance. Pam Iorio, the event's 2012 Community Hero, also took the stage to speak on behalf of the importance of children and their impact on our community.

The Annual Steak Dinner, sponsored by Robert Half, attracted over 400 guests and raised more than \$175,000 for Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay. The event serves as the second largest fundraiser for the organization.

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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