



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MANATEE COUNTY

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County Welcomes New President

BRADENTON, FL – Dawn Stanhope, President of Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, officially started on the 15th of September. Since then, Stanhope has had a full calendar, with visits to the Clubs and introductions throughout the area.

“My first few weeks here have been an absolute joy,” said Stanhope. “I have been warmly welcomed by our board, staff, donors and members of the community.”

Stanhope’s most cherished welcome came from Club members during the Good Eats party at the Boys & Girls Club in Palmetto on October 8. Good Eats is an 8-week program that teaches members about eating healthy and how to prepare healthy food. At the close of the program, Club members get to demonstrate their knowledge of nutrition and serve their food to family and friends. “I appreciate the heartfelt greeting I received from the children at the Good Eats celebration. They were genuinely enthusiastic about getting to say hello and invited me to share the delicious food they had made.”

Stanhope brings more than twenty years of non-profit experience to the Boys & Girls Clubs. Most recently, she was the Executive Director for David’s House, a home-away-from-home for families with children needing medical treatment at the Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire. With her leadership, the organization completed a highly successful capital campaign, doubled their net assets and increased their capacity to handle the demands for service. Earlier in her career, as Deputy Director of Operations for Manchester Neighborhood Housing Services, her strong financial acumen and systems-thinking approach guided the organization in developing several new approaches to their work, as well as opening doors to additional capital.

A passion for supporting children is evident with her fifteen year involvement as a member of Kiwanis. Stanhope has served in every executive leadership role, most recently as Treasurer and Secretary of the Upper Valley Kiwanis Club in New Hampshire. It was through Kiwanis that Stanhope was first introduced to the Boys & Girls Club movement in 2001. Her first community service project, Fish with a Child, paired Kiwanians with members of the Boys & Girls Club to teach the children how to fish.

“Many of the Club kids had never held a fishing pole, and by sharing in their excitement, I was driven to

do more for the Clubs,” said Stanhope. In the years that followed, she continued to support the Clubs as both a donor and volunteer.

Now, Dawn Stanhope will lead Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County in helping our community’s children find a path to a great future. “We have a great group of people well-positioned to achieve our mission,” she said. “I have every confidence that, together, we will reach even more youth than ever before.”

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County provides hope and opportunity to over 6,000 young people at seven locations (Daughtrey Elementary School, Orange Ridge-Bullock Elementary School, Harlee Middle School, Lincoln Memorial Middle School, Southeast High School and the traditional DeSoto and Palmetto Clubs). Open the door and take a tour of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County. For more information or to arrange a tour, call 761-2582 or visit www.bgcmanatee.org.

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