



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MANATEE COUNTY

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Bradenton Kiwanis Awards \$40,000 Grant to Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County

BRADENTON, FL – The Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County received a \$40,000 grant from Bradenton Kiwanis. The grant funded a new 15-passenger van wrapped with Boys & Girls Club graphics.

Currently, Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County picks up students from 22 schools, taking them to the DeSoto and Palmetto Clubs. In addition, to provide their young members with enriching experiences beyond the Club walls, they also provide transportation to offsite events and activities, such as educational field trips, community events, local business tours and college/technical school visits. Prior to the addition of the passenger van, the Clubs' transportation fleet consisted of 7 buses with an average age of 13 years. The van will provide more flexibility and help the Boys & Girls Clubs meet their transportation needs more effectively and efficiently, all while continuing to give their members opportunities to actively engage the community.

For many years, Bradenton Kiwanis has supported the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County for their dedication

to the community's young people. The grant demonstrates Bradenton Kiwanis' longstanding commitment to the Boys & Girls Clubs, which started in 1946, when they played an integral role in establishing the Boys 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.bgcmantee.org.

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