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THE MOMENT



In August, the community of Echols County came to pray over our new spaces & leave their mark! So much love, promise, & prayer have already been poured over the kids who haven't set foot in this place yet. Thanks to your generosity, construction is FULLY FUNDED. Now the real work begins—keeping the AC running, teachers in classrooms, and programs thriving. Your gift today fuels day-to-day operation for young people in Echols County. Give now—put your gift to work for kids today.

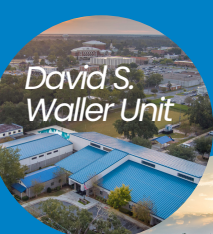


Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta is thrilled to announce our newest campus in Clinch County. After launching our Echols project, Superintendent Lori James of Clinch County Schools—a true visionary for her community—invited us to consider Clinch. Following a thorough review with our Board and the Clinch County School Board, we have officially accepted the former K-8 campus. This campus, spearheaded by Ryan Tuten, will become a Boys & Girls Club and a broader community hub—a place for after-school programs, family resources, and more. Traditional Boys & Girls Club programming will open in 2026, and our dream is to build hands-on STEAM and agriculture learning spaces in other wings—spaces that students from all of our counties can enjoy.



Our Boys & Girls Club Counties

Lowndes



David S.
Waller Unit



Donald E.
Reames
Teen Center

Lake Laurie Unit

Brooks Johnny Langdale Campus



Lanier Youth IMPACT Center



Echols Echols County Unit



Clinch Clinch County Campus



"Our organization's growth to five counties is mission-driven and firmly rooted in Valdosta, our founding community and home. With new campuses in Lanier, Echols, and Clinch, we are growing our family while keeping our focus steady: quality programs, strong outcomes, and bright futures for young people. We're honored to serve alongside local leaders and partners, and we look forward to sharing the impact as these campuses come to life."

—Kristin Wooley Hanna, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta



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"Our Character Development Program gives children the tools to *build resilience, self-control, and confidence*. By learning how to manage emotions, treat others with respect, and make wise choices, students gain strengths that will carry them through challenges now and set them up for success in the future."

– Casey Horne, LCPC, Boys & Girls Club Mental Health Coordinator

This summer, we explored the fruit of the Spirit and learned about what it means to have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and more! This semester our theme is "Just Keep Swimming" and we're learning what it looks like to build resiliency! Through daily programming, small groups, and one-on-one sessions when needed, our children are learning day-by-day concepts that are building character.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
Brooks County**

Introducing: Girls' Flag Football at the BGC!

The Boys & Girls Club in Brooks County started girls' flag football this fall!! Thanks to Elizabeth Johnson, program coordinator, the league is already in full swing – and it will continue to grow every year! This is a big win not only for our Brooks community but also for kids across the state, as other organizations are looking to implement this program as well. Our flag football girls are living the fall dream! Be on the lookout for info on a flag football tournament between our Clubs soon. Follow the Boys & Girls Club Brooks County's socials to keep up with their big wins and go support our athletes at the BGC!!



"I'm excited to launch the first girls' flag football league in our community. The interest, enthusiasm, and support from everyone involved have been significant, marking an important milestone for the Boys & Girls Club of Brooks County. I hope to see similar leagues established at other Boys & Girls Club locations."

–Elizabeth Johnson, Program Coordinator at the Boys & Girls Club Brooks County



Back-to-School Ready!!

New backpacks, school supplies, AND LAPTOPS from friends at AT&T and Advanced Auto Transfers had us ready for the school year at the BGC! Our friends at AT&T so generously donated hundreds of laptops to our teens, and Advanced Auto Transfers donated hundreds of school supplies to our incredible kiddos.

We are so thankful for them!

[See more on our socials!](#)

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Be a guest reader for a class, read with a kiddo who needs some extra support, help us pack these newsletters, or call & we'll plug you in!

Donate!

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Come see us!

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Sponsor a great kiddo

like Harper

this semester!



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