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A MAJOR MILESTONE TAKES SHAPE

A major milestone in the transformation of the Hobe Sound Club was celebrated with a topping out ceremony, marking the placement of the building's final structural elements and recognizing the progress made since construction began.

The celebration brought together elected officials, BGCMC senior leadership, board members, community partners, and members of the Proctor Construction team. Proctor employees were recognized for the work, craftsmanship, and dedication that have brought the project to this stage, while guests had an opportunity to see firsthand how the vision for the new Club is taking shape.

More than a construction milestone, the occasion celebrated the many people helping build what comes next for Hobe Sound youth and families. With each phase of progress, the future Club moves closer to becoming a place where young people can learn, explore new interests, prepare for future careers, and access opportunities designed around the needs of the Hobe Sound community.







KEY CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



- Metal stud wall framing, perimeter wall rigid insulation, and spray foam insulation in the open ceilings are complete in Sections A and B.
- Fire sprinkler lines have been installed, with sprinkler head drops to follow as ceiling installation progresses.
- Metal panel installation is upcoming for the roof pop-up sections and curved gym roof.
- Window installation continues throughout the facility, with the majority nearing completion.
- Walls for the Field Building are complete, with the concrete roof slab among the next phases of work.
- Preparations are underway for installation of the outdoor classroom roof system.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT



Yessenia "Jessy" Aponte serves as the Therapist at the Hobe Sound Club, providing direct mental health support to members while helping create an environment where young people feel heard, supported, and equipped to navigate challenges.

Using a trauma-informed approach, Jessy provides therapeutic services, advocates for members, and works closely with families, schools, and community partners to connect youth with additional resources when needed. She also supports Club staff with guidance and training in trauma-informed care and positive behavioral strategies.

As a member of the Hobe Sound Club Leadership Team, Jessy helps ensure emotional well-being remains an integral part of the overall Club experience, strengthening the network of support surrounding every young person.

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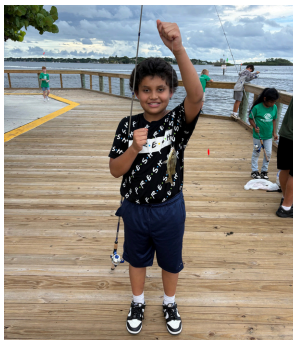
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CLUB ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHT

A generous donation of 21 fishing poles from the Palm Beach Fishing Club is helping Hobe Sound members turn the surrounding community into a classroom. Fourteen members recently visited Sandsprit Park, where they put the new equipment to use while learning about local ecosystems and the fish species they encountered.

Experiences like this connect members with the natural environment right in their own backyard, combining recreation with hands-on learning and a greater appreciation for the waterways and ecosystems that are such an important part of life in Hobe Sound.





FAMILY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHT

Family Safety Night brought members, families, Club staff, and local first responders together for an evening focused on safety, education, and connection. Families toured a fire truck with Martin County Fire Rescue, explored emergency equipment, created thank-you cards for first responders, and learned practical ways to stay safe.

The evening also included a presentation from a Martin County Sheriff's Office detective covering internet safety and other important topics for parents and children. By bringing families and local first responders together at the Club, the event provided useful resources while strengthening the relationships that help support Hobe Sound youth both inside and outside the Club.





DID YOU KNOW

The new Hobe Sound Club will feature a dedicated teaching kitchen, giving members hands-on opportunities to explore healthy eating, build culinary skills, and discover future career pathways.



COMMUNITY LEADER INSIGHT



"Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County's new Hobe Sound facility represents something much bigger than a new building—it represents possibility. Here, young adults will have the opportunity to see a future they may not yet be able to imagine. Through hands-on experiences in manufacturing for aerospace and marine applications, they can discover new interests, explore career pathways, and gain the skills and confidence to turn their potential into opportunity.

At CareerSource Research Coast, we know that early exposure can change the trajectory of a young person's life. When young people can see what is possible, experience it firsthand, and connect their talents to meaningful careers, they begin to envision a different future—not only for themselves, but for their families and communities.

For donors, this is an opportunity to invest in that future. Your support can help open doors, spark ambition, and give young people the tools to build careers close to home. Together, we can build more than a facility. We can help build confidence, create opportunity, strengthen our workforce, and inspire the next generation of talent in Martin County and across our local workforce development area."

Brian Bauer, President & CEO, CareerSource Research Coast

CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS CONTINUED







