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Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County Receives $20,100 Grant from Gulf Coast Community Foundation's Rapid Response Fund to Support Englewood Club Families

Englewood, FL – October 21, 2024 – The Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County - Englewood Club is excited to announce that it has been awarded a $20,100 grant from Gulf Coast Community Foundation's Rapid Response Fund. This critical funding will provide free after-school care and operational support for the dinner program serving children at the Englewood Club for the next three months.

The grant comes at a pivotal time for the community, following the recent damage from both Hurricanes Helene and Milton. It has impacted many families in Englewood, including those connected to the Boys & Girls Clubs. By ensuring children have access to a safe, structured after-school program, and receive a nutritious snack and meal daily, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County continues to offer essential support for local families as they recover.

As part of the Rapid Response Fund, this grant will ensure that Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County- Englewood Club can continue providing high-quality programming, while also easing the financial burden on local families.

"Gulf Coast Community Foundation is honored to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County's Englewood Club through our Rapid Response Fund which allows us to quickly assist nonprofits which play a vital role in the recovery and well-being of our community," said Gulf Coast's President | CEO Phillip Lanham. "We are proud of the diligent work that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County is doing after three hurricanes impacted Florida. Together, we will help families recover."

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County

With the Mission "To enable all young people, especially those who need us the most, to reach their full potential as responsible, caring, productive citizens", The Boys & Girls Club of Englewood offers: A safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals, life-enhancing programs and character development experiences, nutritious dinners daily, hope, and opportunity to local youth between the ages of 6 and 18. Approximately 2,600 kids have benefited from BGC Programs in Englewood since 1997.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County, please visit [www.bgcofcc.org] or call us at [(941)743-1507].

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Headquartered in Venice, Fla. and with a second office in downtown Sarasota, Fla., Gulf Coast Community Foundation has transformed the region through bold and proactive philanthropy for nearly 30 years. Serving the needs of the region as a partner in philanthropy and leader in community initiatives, Gulf Coast has surpassed granting over $570 million in the areas of: health and human services, civic and economic development, education, arts and culture, and the environment. Gulf Coast was named one of the “Best Nonprofits To Work For” nationally by *The NonProfit Times* in 2010, 2011, 2017, 2020, 2021, and 2023. To learn more visit GulfCoastCF.org and follow us on Facebook.

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