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THE BOCA GRANDE COMMUNITY HELPS THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ENGLEWOOD
TO BUILD A NEW YOUTH CENTER

The event raised over $410,000.

Boca Grande, FL – March 18, 2024 - A strong sense of community was present as guests gathered for the Boys & Girls Club of Englewood's "Growing Together Campaign" on Saturday, March 9th. The goal was clear: raise funds for a crucial Youth Building in Englewood. When Hurricane Ian in 2022 destroyed their leased space the Boys & Girls Club of Englewood was forced to move to a new location with no outdoor space and only 2 rooms which limited the activities and capacity of the program.

This special fund-raising evening took place at the Boca Grande home of Christa and David Sculley. Co-chaired by Janet Williams & Jennifer Denham, the event proceeds were to benefit the new building campaign.

Mr. Jim Clark, President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, spoke to all 200+ guests about the importance of accessible Boys & Girls programs and how now, more than ever, their goal is to provide a safe place, complementary educational programs, and the support needed for our local kids to succeed. Mr. Clark also took a moment to honor and recognize the dedication of the Boys & Girls Club of Englewood supporter, Mr. William Collatos.

Attendees were inspired and hands shot up with generous donations during the live auction portion of the evening. Royal blue construction hard hats affixed with flashing lights were given to donors in recognition of their contribution. These funds from Boca Grande residents will support the construction of the new building, specifically the Gasparilla Teen Room.

About Boys & Girls Club of Englewood:

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.

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