



MOULTRIE COMMUNITY RELIVES CHILDHOOD AT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS DAY FOR KIDS

Special Event Encourages Adults to Spend Meaningful Time with Kids, Proving One Day Can Change a Child's Future

Moultrie, Ga, September 23, 2017 – BGC of Moultrie/Colquitt County is gearing up to celebrate its annual Day for Kids to highlight the critical needs of kids and teens in the community. Today, too many youth are facing serious issues that can deprive them of a happy healthy childhood and negatively impact their future. Day for Kids celebrates the life changing work taking place at Boys & Girls Clubs each day by encouraging adults to spend meaningful time with young people and engage in fun and active play. This year's Day for Kids will be celebrated parents and kids participating in an event at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County located at 420 West Central Avenue, Moultrie, GA 31768.

BGC of Moultrie/Colquitt County is one of hundreds of Day for Kids events planned nationwide (all events are open to the public). BGC of Moultrie/Colquitt County September 23, 2017 9am-1pm, games and food contact Joel Jenkins @ 229 890-8600/786 503-3699.

Day for Kids aligns with Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County overall initiative to help kids and teens become more actively engaged in their community, live a healthy lifestyle and achieve academic success. The 'play' incorporated in the Day for Kids event fosters creativity, imagination, exploration and helps kids develop and master various skills.

"At Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County we change the opportunity equation for kids in our community, enabling them to achieve a great future," says Joel Jenkins, Program Director, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County. "Day for Kids is a fun way for not only adults to relive their childhood, but for kids to have fun and foster stronger relationships with caring mentors. Day for Kids is just one example of the amazing work we do each day to enable kids and teens to reach their full potential by staying on track to graduate, demonstrating good character and citizenship and practicing healthy lifestyles."

Supporting kids and teens is a critical issue for our nation. Today's generation is estimated to be worse off than their parents. Our nation's graduation rate ranks 22nd among 28 countries and three out of 10 kids are obese or overweight. One in 5 American kids live in poverty. Colquitt County, Georgia is the 43rd largest county in Georgia by population. The Median Household Income per family of four was \$32,409 during the last US Census Bureau in 2010 and the poverty rate was 26.8%.

Boys & Girls Clubs believe that every young person in America deserves a great future and that ensuring a safe, productive place for them to spend out-of-school time is a vital, yet overlooked, factor.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America has created engaging educational resources to help communities encourage and develop positive relationships with kids. A year-round web site, www.dayforkids.org, provides tools, resources and tips that support their interactions with young people.

Day for Kids is also part of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Great Futures Campaign. The Great Futures Campaign aims to redefine the opportunity equation for America's kids and call attention to the critical role of out-of-school time in reversing the negative trends facing today's youth. With the public's support, Boys & Girls Clubs will inspire and empower more kids toward success through life-changing programs and resources.

Located at 420 West Central Ave BGC of Moultrie/Colquitt County provides program opportunities for more than 1500 boys and girls each year. The Club is open M-TR 2:00pm-7:00pm, F-2:00pm-6:30pm. Youngsters interested in joining the Club, learning more information please contact Joel Jenkins at BGC of Moultrie/Colquitt County, 229890-8600 or visit www.bgcmoultrie.org

About Boys & Girls Clubs of America:

For more than 100 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (GreatFutures.org) has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, more than 4,000 Clubs serve some 4 million young people annually through Club membership and community outreach. Clubs are located in cities, towns, public housing and on Native American lands throughout the country, and serve military families in BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide. They provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun, friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Priority programs emphasize academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. In a Harris Survey of alumni, 57 percent said the Club saved their lives. National headquarters are located in Atlanta. Learn more at <http://www.bgca.org/facebook> and <http://bgca.org/twitter>.