NEWS

Kodisha Bivins Marketing & Communications Manager (770) 532-8102 ext. 3318 kbivins@bgclanier.org

Faith and Community Leaders Joined the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier at Community Partnership Breakfast

MT. AIRY, GA – April 4, 2025 – Local church and community leaders rallied together to join the <u>Boys & Girls</u> <u>Clubs of Lanier</u> (BGCL) at its Faith for Futures community partnership breakfast on March 27th at the <u>Tim Lee</u> <u>Boys & Girls Club</u>. Advisory Chairman of BGCL, Wade Rhodes, spoke with guests about the impact BGCL has had on Habersham County and the benefits each child and family receives through enrollment. Serving six locations in Habersham, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier served 544 youth in 2024, providing a safe, nurturing and inspiring environment for students to thrive physically, emotionally and mentally.

The Faith for Futures program through BGCL is a collaborative effort with the community to focus on character development and leadership through faith-based activities, aiming to equip youth with the skills and values needed for a successful future. "Each child that enters one of our Clubs enters through a door of opportunity that assures success and exposes them to unique and creative strategies to embrace a brighter future," said Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier's Chief Executive Office, Steve Mickens. "This movement is a movement of saving lives, and it is our responsibility to ensure youth have the tools and resources they need to reach their full potential."

Occasion and prayer were led by Pastor Ryan Ginn of Purpose Church and a delicious southern-style breakfast was donated by Food Factory. Closing the event and sharing a call-to-action with the community, Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier's Co-Directors of Development, Kendall Sims and Brittany White, provided insight into how the community could help bridge the gap and help BGCL make an even greater impact in Habersham and change the lives of even more young people. To learn more about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier, become a partner or make a donation, visit www.boysgirlsclubs.com or email media@bgclanier.org.

###

Created in 1954, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier serves more than 4,200 children in the Hall, Habersham and Forsyth counties each year. Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.