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## **Newly Constructed Positive Place Boys & Girls Club Set to Reopen and Serve Hundreds of Youths**

**GAINESVILLE, GA – February 21, 2025** - With its original goal to tackle facility upgrades and enhance safety measures, the [Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier](#) decided to demolish its previous facility at Positive Place to reconstruct a 25,000-square-foot facility, costing \$8.5 million to serve the students of Hall County. On March 13, 2025, the [Positive Place Boys & Girls Club](#) (1 Positive Place) will host its grand reopening at 4:00pm for special guests and local leaders to tour and experience the newly constructed facility.

The previous Positive Place Club served the children of Hall County for more than 50 years, helping to improve the community and its citizens. “With more than 20,500 kids leaving school every day with no safe place to go in the Lanier area, it is our goal to serve more kids, more often, making a greater impact. To do that, we needed a new facility,” said Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier Chief Executive Officer, Steve Mickens. “The modern, functional and an environmentally conscious facility will serve the needs of our community for years to come.”

With a growing teen participation, the building includes a dedicated space for middle school teens (ages 11 - 13) to achieve higher graduation rates and a clear plan and vision for their future. The new facility will deliver hands-on engaging educational opportunities that allow students of all ages to explore a variety of career interests – and have fun in the process. The facility will meet the demands of the community’s current and future needs.

For more information, contact the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier Marketing and Communications Manager, Kodisha Bivins, at [kbivins@bgclanier.org](mailto:kbivins@bgclanier.org) or call (770) 532-8102, ext. 3318. To learn more about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier, visit [www.boysgirlsclubs.com](http://www.boysgirlsclubs.com).

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*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 serve 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.*