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Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier Positive Place Club Grand Re-Opening Excites Community and City Officials about Its Future

GAINESVILLE, GA – March 14, 2025 – Special guests, Hall County, State of Georgia and City officials and leaders gathered to celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of the [Positive Place Boys & Girls Club](#) on March 13, 2025. The newly constructed, modern 25,000-square-foot facility will serve up to 450 of Hall County's youth, providing a positive and safe place for children after school and during school and summer breaks. Guests were greeted by Lauren Samples, the president of the [Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier](#) (BGCL) Board of Directors, followed by a ribbon cutting with elected officials and BGCL leadership to kick off the evening. Upon entering the Club, guests were warmly greeted with "feel good" music and an enthusiastic welcoming by the unofficial, yet dedicated BGCL cheerleaders for the evening.

A distinguished lineup of speakers included young Club Member, TJ Williams Jr., Capital Campaign Co-Chair and Board Member Greg Katulka, Commissioner Chairman David Gibbs, BGCL Club Alumna Jasmin Gaudlock, BGCL's 2024 Youth of the Year Jaemy Quito-Cruz, Mayor of Gainesville Sam Couvillon, and ended with BGCL's CEO Steven Mickens. In an emotional address, CEO Mickens expressed extreme gratitude towards his staff, past and current board members, and the community. "We are committed to bettering our campuses and facilities and we are going to build and continue to sustain our facilities to make sure our children come to a safe space and a safe place where they can become anything they want to become." said Mickens.

Ending the night, guests had an opportunity to tour the facility with tour guides sharing the details of each well-thought-out space within the Positive Place Boys & Girls Club. Spaces are available and parents can start [registering](#) their children for summer camp at the new Club. For more information, contact the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier Marketing and Communications Manager, Kodisha Bivins, at kbivins@bgclanier.org or call (770) 532-8102, ext. 3318. To learn how you can support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier, visit 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 4,700 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.

