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Boys and Girls Clubs of Lanier, Atlanta Braves Foundation unveils new playground

MT. AIRY, GA – May 19, 2025 – Yesterday, the Atlanta Braves, Gas South, and <u>The Boys & Girls Clubs</u> of Lanier unveiled a new playground at the Tim Lee Boys & Girls Club with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony. Made possible through support by the <u>Atlanta Braves Foundation</u> and Gas South, this upgraded playground will provide kids at the Tim Lee Boys & Girls Club with a modern, safe, and enriching environment perfect for play while also encouraging physical, social, and cognitive development, which are vital at a young age. Dozens of individuals, including kids, representatives, and members from the community, as well as Braves mascot BLOOPER, were all present for this joyous moment.

"Children learn a lot through play, which contributes greatly to academic success," said Stephany Small, Habersham County Area Director of The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier. "Having this new and safe space, with updated playground equipment for our children has been a huge priority for us."

The ceremony opened with remarks followed by the cutting of the ribbon, commemorating the official opening of the playground. Celebrations continued as guests and kids explored the new play area and enjoyed complimentary food and refreshments, Braves giveaways, and more.

Through a variety of initiatives and collaborations with key local partners like Gas South and The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier, the Atlanta Braves Foundation works to fulfill its mission of building community through baseball, reaching vulnerable populations, and improving well-being outcomes for our communities through access to sport, health, and educational programs.

Serving six locations in Habersham County, BGCL served 544 youth in 2024, providing a safe, nurturing and inspiring environment for students to thrive physically, emotionally and mentally. To learn more, become a partner, or make a donation, visit <u>www.boysgirlsclubs.com</u> or email <u>media@bgclanier.org</u>.

Media assets from today's ribbon-cutting ceremony can be found <u>HERE</u>, courtesy of Atlanta Braves.

If you have any questions, need additional information, or are interested in speaking to a representative, please let me know.

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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 5, 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.