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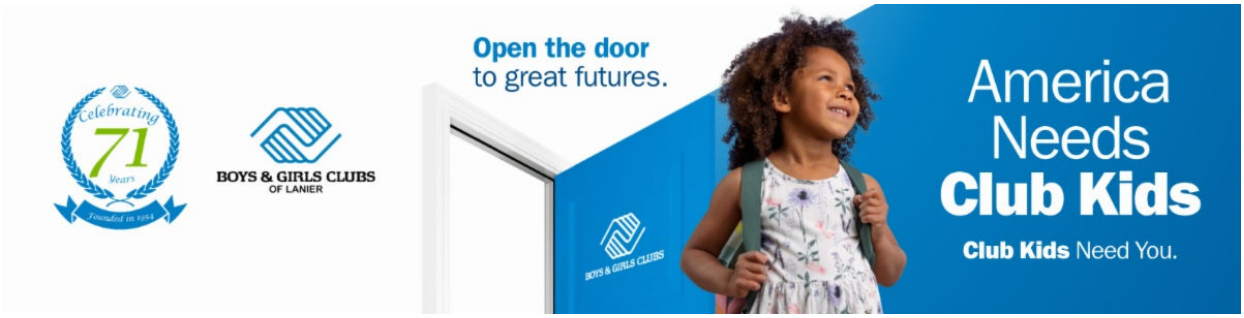


Letter from the CEO

Life is about taking chances and expanding your reach. It's about taking opportunities that can change the trajectory of your life in a positive way. When you push yourself beyond your own limits, that is when real growth happens. Each day, I am reminded of the life-changing work we do and the impact on the lives of so many young people in our Hall, Habersham and Forsyth Counties Clubs.

Earlier this month, we had an incredible opportunity to see firsthand the results of what hard work, dedication and commitment can do, and with that, we congratulate Jaemy Quito-Cruz on her win for the third time as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier Youth of the Year. Each candidate that participated deserves to be celebrated for their vulnerability, devotion to the

program and resilience. BGCL is extremely grateful to our staff, donors, sponsors and volunteers who helped to make this year's celebration a remarkable event that has left a lasting impression on everyone in attendance.

Through the eyes of our Club kids, we create programs that provide the support they need to grow and thrive emotionally, mentally and physically. Whether large or small, your support continues to make all the difference in the world and allows us to change lives in a meaningful way. With the approaching holiday season, it is my hope that the community will continue to support our mission of helping those who need us most and ensuring each Club kid feels seen, recognized and celebrated.

Donate, volunteer or sponsor to support our mission today.

2025 Tim Lee Car Show Supports Habersham County Clubs

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier hosted the Tim Lee Car Show on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at the Habersham County Fairgrounds in Clarkesville, Georgia, bringing car enthusiasts and families together for a morning of fun, food, and fundraising. Hundreds of attendees enjoyed the car show which featured classic, custom, and modern vehicles, while supporting youth programs at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier's Habersham County Clubs. The winners of the car show were first place winner, Tony Hicks (1974 Ford Bronco), second place winner, Bill Hawkins (1933 Buick) and third place winner, Rick Whiting (1952 Chevrolet).

BGCL Awarded Community Development Grant from First Citizens Bank

The environment children learn in is extremely important to their overall success. With 23 clubs in Hall, Habersham and Forsyth Counties, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier (BGCL) has a huge responsibility to maintain safe, clean and functional buildings for hundreds of kids to each day. First Citizens Bank recently awarded the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier with its $15,000 Community Development Grant, supporting programs and clubs.

Without safe, well-maintained spaces, students would not have the reliable environments they need to focus on learning, exploring interests, and building positive relationships with peers and staff. The support of local youths from organizations like First Citizens Bank is monumental in changing young lives and provides the support they need to thrive. These safe and welcoming spaces deliver transformative opportunities that inspire young people to excel in school, develop strong character, make healthy choices, and prepare for great futures.

“First Citizens Bank is honored to award a grant to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lanier in support of its mission to provide safe, inclusive spaces, and impactful programs for people in our community,” said First Citizens Bank Service Manager & Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier Board Member, Nicole Pleasant. “At First Citizens, we believe that investing in youth development is an investment in the future. This partnership reflects our ongoing commitment to strengthening communities, fostering opportunity, and empowering the next generation. I’m proud to be a part of both great organizations."

Lights On Afterschool

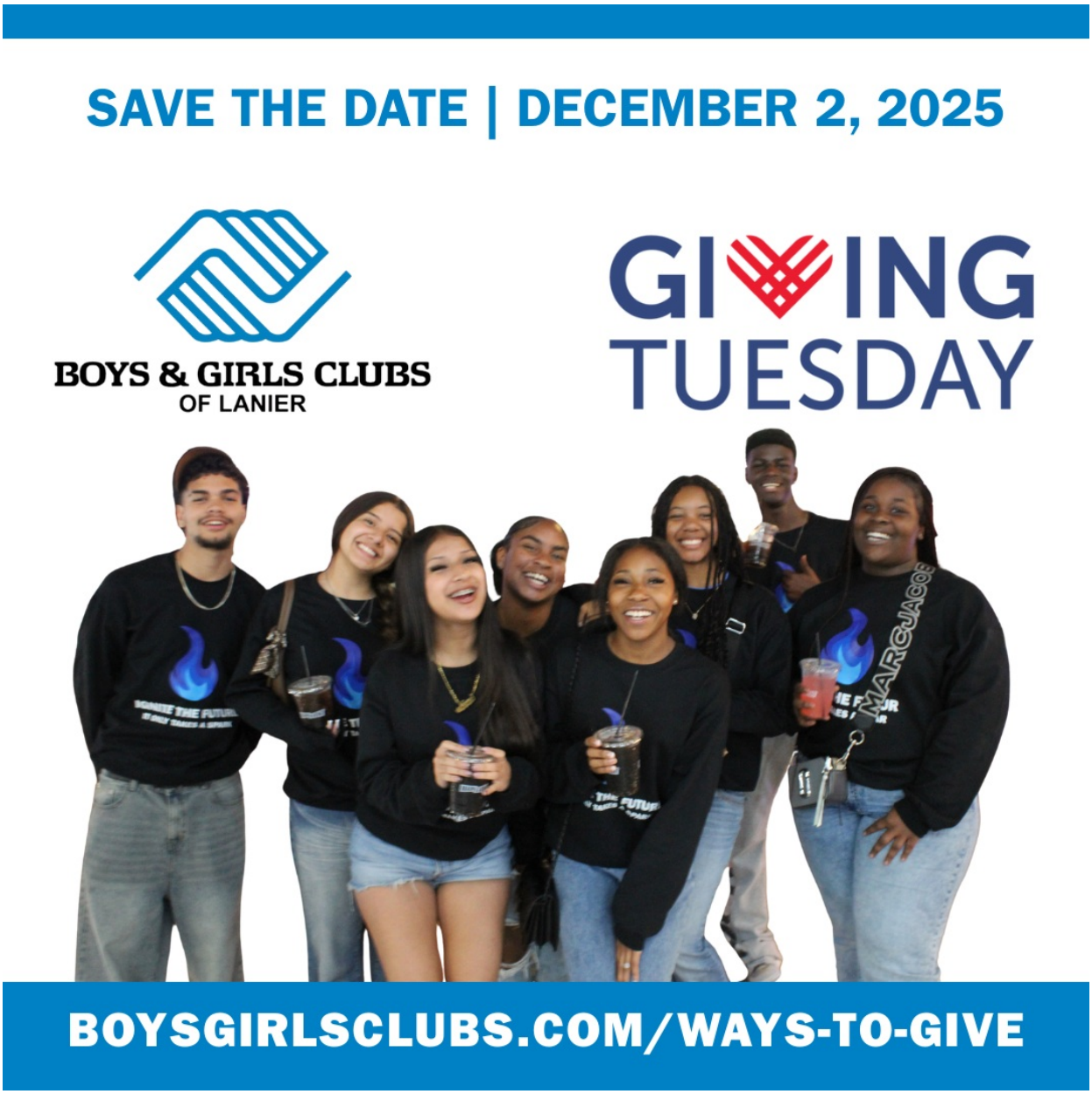
In America today, 7.6 million children are alone and unsupervised after school. Afterschool programs keep kids safe, help working families and inspire learning. They provide

opportunities to help young people develop into successful adults. Lights On Afterschool was launched in October 2000 with celebrations in 1,200 communities nationwide. The following year 3,600 events took place. Today, more than 8,000 Lights On Afterschool rallies are held annually, attracting 1 million Americans and media coverage nationwide. (Source: https://www.afterschoolalliance.org/) Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier participated with engaging events and activities at multiple Clubs.

Great Futures Start with Giving

Every child deserves a safe place to learn, grow and dream big. On December 2, 2025,

Giving Tuesday, we celebrate this global day of generosity and activism that encourages people to give back to their communities through donations of time or money, or by supporting causes they care about. Save the date for Giving Tuesday and support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier by donating to our movement. Your gift changes young lives and we need you to help to continue our mission.



Club Kids Enjoy Fandango Movie Outing

Thanks to Fandango, our Club kids of our Teen Center, Tim Lee and Walters Clubs had an unforgettable movie adventure, complete with delicious snacks, big-screen excitement, and memories they'll cherish forever. Club kids watched Tron Ares & Paranorman. It was truly a red-carpet experience for our young stars!

Bert and Mary Emma Scholarship
Youth of the Month - October

The Bert & Mary Emma Scholarship Fund was created on November 1, 2021, with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier. The purpose of creating this scholarship fund was to recognize club members for their

achievements and for being positive role models in and out the clubs. The scholarship is now $250.00. This amount can increase based on the interest earned on the planned gift annually and determined by the Clubs CEO and the Emma's.

Vince F.
Mundy Mill Arts Success Academy

This month's Youth of the Month is Vince F. of our Mundy Mill Arts Success Academy Club. Vince was nominated for Outstanding Academic Performance, Outstanding Behavior and Outstanding Character

"Since day one he has shown to follow every expectation, and he has flourished with other Club members being more interactive."
-Caterine Perdomo

Click Here to Watch Vince Receive His Award

Youth of the Year Ignites the Future

Hundreds gathered at the beautiful Ramsey Conference Center on October 16th for an elegant evening, celebrating nine amazing Club kids of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier, all competing in the Youth of the Year Celebration, *Ignite the Future*. The event included creative curations by club kids who provided entertainment, artwork and listening stations, allowing guests to see through their young eyes.

This year's Youth of the Year winner was awarded to Jaemy Quito-Cruz, who also won Youth of the Year in 2024. Youth of the Year Candidate, Jariel Hernanzez won 2nd place and Messiah Greaman won 3rd place. Each of the three finalists shared heart-wrenching speeches that shared their journey and how they plan to make a difference in the world and just how they will *ignite the future*.

A Spooktacular Trunk or Treat

In partnership with the Gainesville High School Boys & Girls Varsity & Junior Varsity basketball teams, we hosted a community Trunk or Treat event on Thursday, October 30th, from 4:30 - 6:00pm at our Positive Place Club. Guests enjoyed games, face painting and Kona ice for an amazingly spooktacular event.

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You help to create bright futures every time you give. Instead of heading home after school unsupervised, hundreds of children walk through our doors and feel safe, connect with others, and build the skills and confidence they need to reach their full potential both in school and in life.

Thank you for giving so generously and being a part of our team!

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