



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF LANIER**



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## Opening the Door to Making a Difference



### Letter from the CEO

**Lanier Needs Club Kids. Club Kids Need You.**

Summer at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier kicked off with a big bang. Club Kids have immersed themselves in all the fun of summer camp, coupled with learning, mental wellness and physical fitness. Our amazing staff has done an incredible job, keeping our kids engaged, motivated and excited. Summer camp is nearing an end, but there are still plenty of activities and field trips planned for our youth before it's time for Back-to-School. Our after-school program is open for enrollment and openings are filling up fast. Be sure to [sign your child up](#) to make sure they have a safe place to go after school, receive tutoring with homework, as well as have snacks and enjoy themselves in a nurturing environment.

During the month of June, we celebrated National Boys & Girls Club Week with a focus on areas of mental health, culinary skills, workforce readiness, and physical fitness...all extremely vital to the overall development of our youth and ensuring they are Fit for the Future. This week-long celebration reflected our unwavering commitment to empowering young people to reach their full potential through lifelong healthy habits, mental and physical well-being, and community.

We can't forget that we celebrated Father's Day this month. From BGCL, "Happy Father's Day" to you. Your role in a child's development is critical and plays a monumental role in their success. Also, we must thank those who act as "father figures" for children without fathers. Taking on the responsibility of fatherhood takes courage, leadership and a whole lot of love.

At the end of the day, community makes the difference in the lives of our young people. Without the support of our volunteers, donors, and sponsors, we couldn't have done this. Lanier Needs Club Kids and Club Kids Need You. Join us in our movement to create Greater Futures. Every donation matters and we invite you to support our mission: [Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier | Partner with Us](#)



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# Lanier Needs **Club Kids**

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

CHARACTER &amp; CITIZENSHIP



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## **BACK TO SCHOOL**

## **After-School Enrollment**

### WHAT WE PROVIDE:

Academic Tutors | Sports & Recreation | Transportation |  
Snacks & Dinner | Character & Leadership Building |  
Workforce Readiness

**Register : [BoysGirlsClubs.com](https://BoysGirlsClubs.com)**

20 CLUB LOCATIONS SERVING HALL, HABERSHAM & FORSYTH COUNTIES

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier Youth Ride into Summer with New Bikes from Teknor

On Wednesday, June 11, 2025, the Joseph F. Walters Boys & Girls Club was gifted with 20 bikes and helmets for Club Kids from Teknor Apex through its Bikes for a Brighter Future initiative. "These are not just bicycles. These bikes allow our kids to create long-lasting memories," said Chief Executive Officer, Steve Mickens. "They are going to help our kids to become adventurers, have fun, take chances and enjoy life."

At the event, the Club honored the memory of former Club Kid Carlos Herrera E., who tragically passed away earlier this year after being struck by a vehicle while riding his bike home. His legacy served as a powerful reminder of the importance of safe and supportive spaces for youth.

Bicycle safety remains a top priority for the Club, with ongoing education and awareness campaigns focusing on helmet use, proper cycling techniques, and the importance of staying alert while cycling. Key aspects include wearing a helmet, being visible to others, using hand signals, and obeying traffic laws. The community and the Club were very supportive of Carlos's family and mother during this extremely difficult time. It is in times like these that we realize the power of the community.

Teknor's 'Bike' initiative, is held on the same day across Teknor locations around the world. Several Teknor employees attended the event to show their support and connect with the community. As part of the celebration, 20 brand-new bicycles were gifted to Club members, bringing smiles and excitement to the kids in attendance. To top it all off, guests, staff, and youth enjoyed a pizza party, capping off a meaningful day of remembrance, generosity, and joy.



## Bert and Mary Emma Scholarship Youth of the Month - June



**Watch Sofia receive her award.**

**Sofia v.**

**Tadmore Success Academy**

The Youth of the Month for June 2025 is Sofia V. from the Tadmore Success Academy. Jasmine was nominated on the areas of outstanding character, outstanding behavior and outstanding academic performance:

*"When Sofia began coming to the Club, she was new to the Country. She would often cry and say her stomach hurt, not wanting to come to school. Through the program she was able to make friends and very quickly learned the language. This helped with her increasing her grades and She is always very positive and always uses good manners. Sofia is a great example to other students. She is always encouraging the other kids she is working with. Sofia is a great member at Tadmore Success Academy."*

-Lori Dague

*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*

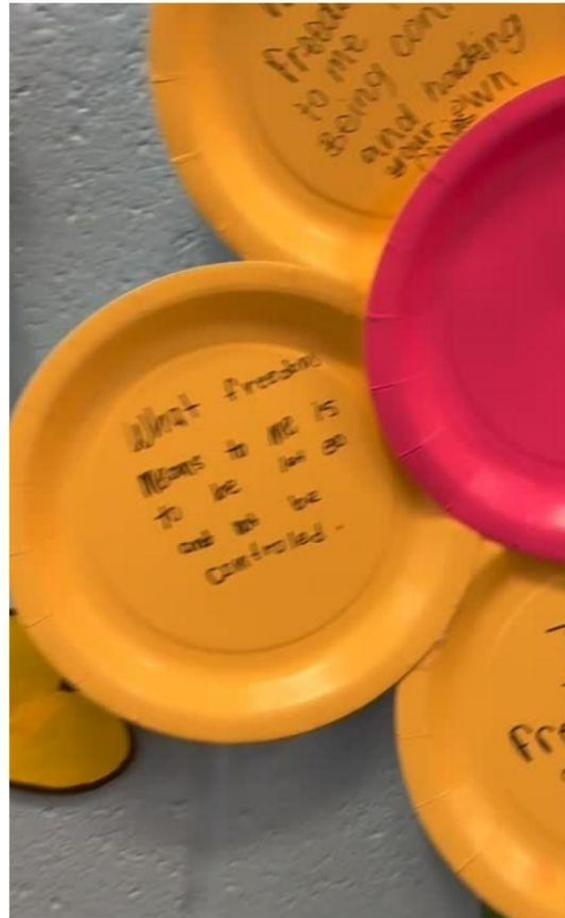
positive role models in and out the clubs. The scholarship is now \$250.00. This amount can increase based on the interest earned on the planned gift annually and determined by the Clubs CEO and the Emma's.

Sponsor a Child's Journey with a \$50 monthly donation

## Walter's Boys & Girls Club Freedom Garden

### Juneteenth Freedom Garden

The Joseph F. Walters Boys & Girls Club, in collaboration with Carter's, constructed a Freedom Garden in celebration of Juneteenth.



## Board of Directors Lunch with Club Kids

Our Board Members recently enjoyed a great lunch and conversation with Club Kids. Having real conversation with Club Kids to further engage with them is critical to our mission of creating Greater Futures. We are grateful to our Board of Directors and their leadership to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier and helping us open the doors to lifelong success.



Hear from Board Member, Jeremy Williams as he shares his thoughts on the event.

[Watch Video](#)

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**Thank You Puma!**





Puma visited our Tommy & Chantal Bagwell Boys & Girls Club in Cumming on June 10<sup>th</sup> and provided some really fun new items for 20 of our 4th and 5th graders. Club Kids received soccer balls, bookbags, hats, socks and more! Thank you Puma!

## Kohl's Service Day



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier is extremely grateful for Kohl's and their volunteers. Earlier in the month, volunteers helped to clean out our Teen Center storage facility. We appreciate all the hard work and sweat that was put into helping us organize and clean out our storage unit. Thank you, Kohl's!

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## *Thank You*

Your generosity allows us to provide vital programs and services to hundreds of underserved kids and teens at minimal cost to families, making Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier accessible to those who need us most.

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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