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NEWS RELEASE

No Kid Hungry Awards \$100,000 to Ten Florida Boys & Girls Clubs to Reach More Kids with Summer Meals

Ten grants support local Clubs' efforts to provide meals to students over the summer months

TALLAHASSEE, FL – The Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs was awarded a \$100,000 grant from No Kid Hungry Florida to help ten local Boys & Girls Clubs (BGC) across the state expand and strengthen their summer meals programs. The Clubs each received \$10,000 in support of their existing food service programs for children participating in summer programming. The award will allow these Clubs to serve up to three meals and two snacks to an estimated 1,400 children, totaling as many as 246,000 meals.

During the school year, kids can rely on school meal programs like breakfast, lunch, and afterschool meals. But when school is out, many of those meals disappear, making summer the hungriest time of the year for kids and teens. This summer, rising food and fuel prices will make it particularly hard for families to put meals on the table.

"This summer might be the hungriest one yet for many kids. Many parents continue to struggle to keep up with the rising cost of food while also recovering from the many challenges of the past two years," said Sky Beard, director of No Kid Hungry Florida. "We're proud to partner with and support the Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, an organization that recognizes this need and the important role summer meals play in ensuring our kids can return to school in the fall healthy and ready to learn."

The ten local Clubs selected by the Florida Alliance serve rural counties with food insecurity rates over the state average of 12%, with some having rates as high as 16.8%. The Clubs receiving extra funds from No Kid Hungry Florida to expand their summer meals program include:

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Bay County
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Collier County
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Highlands County
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Indian River County





- Boys & Girls Clubs of Marion County
- Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Florida
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Tabula Rasa

"We are grateful for the continued support from our partners at No Kid Hungry, who have made it possible for so many more youth to have the fuel they need to be successful," said Joe Davis, Executive Director of the Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs. "The summer is such an important time in a young person's life and having the proper nutrition helps both the mind and the body. All of our organizations are dedicated to ensuring that our youth have the meals they need and No Kid Hungry has made it possible to achieve that goal."

No Kid Hungry has awarded over two million to Florida nonprofits to address food insecurity since January 2022.

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About the Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs

The Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs works to secure statewide funding and resources for local Clubs to help them enable all young people, especially those who need the Clubs most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The Florida Alliance and the state's local Clubs envision a future in which Boys & Girls Clubs are a catalyst for the success that is within reach of every child, and that whole generations of children are inspired to a higher level of community engagement. Learn more at www.flabgc.org.

About No Kid Hungry

No child should go hungry in America. But in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, millions of kids could face hunger this year. No Kid Hungry is working to end childhood hunger by helping launch and improve programs that give all kids the healthy food they need to thrive. This is a problem we know how to solve. No Kid Hungry is a campaign of Share Our Strength, an organization committed to ending hunger and poverty. Join us at NoKidHungry.org.