

Dear County Commissioners,

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tampa Bay would like to request a waiver of the facility fees associated with operating our Hernando Club through the remainder of the summer, with consideration for extending that waiver throughout the upcoming academic school year.

As Florida's first Boys & Girls Club and one of the nation's largest youth-serving organizations, our mission is to prepare youth and young adults to be ready for college, career, and life through high-quality out-of-school experiences. We are excited to expand that mission into Hernando County by providing high-quality youth development programming for elementary-aged children in an underserved community where families often face limited access to affordable, structured after-school and summer opportunities.

This summer, our goal is to serve approximately 40 youth through engaging programs that support academic success, healthy lifestyles, character and leadership development, and social-emotional well-being. As we establish our presence and build awareness within the community, we anticipate expanding enrollment during the school year to serve even more local children and families who can benefit from a safe, supportive place after school.

Waiving the facility fees during this initial growth period would allow us to direct more resources toward the children we serve, including staffing, educational programming, meals and snacks, supplies, and enrichment opportunities. Every dollar invested in programming directly enhances the experience and outcomes for the youth and families of Hernando County.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can continue working together to expand opportunities for young people in Hernando County. Thank you for your partnership and your ongoing commitment to the children and families of our community.

Sincerely,
Pat Ryan
Chief Partnerships & Growth Officer
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tampa Bay