

## **Boys & Girls Clubs of America Announces Partnership with Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy**

*Partnership part of nonprofit's Advancing Philanthropy Initiative aimed at innovative, sustainable growth*

ATLANTA, Ga. October 10, 2018 – Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) announced today a partnership with the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy that will benefit local Boys & Girls Club professionals around the country. Through the partnership, Boys & Girls Clubs' most advanced resource development professionals will have the opportunity to participate in a high-level development leadership course, enabling them to elevate their fundraising practices to further support local Clubs.

BGCA's Advancing Philanthropy Initiative is focused on facilitating sustainable, smart growth for fundraising efforts at 4,400 Boys & Girls Club locations around the country. From hiring to onboarding and continuous development, Boys & Girls Club development professionals will have access to one-on-one consultations, workshops, training and proprietary resources supporting continuous learning at every level of fundraising expertise.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy to engage our top resource development professionals," said Julie Teer, BGCA's chief development officer. "Our program is focused on retaining and nurturing professionals by providing them with technical competencies and leadership opportunities to enhance their careers and portfolios. By building a culture of philanthropy within local Boys & Girls Clubs and our entire organization, we can better provide the critical support needed by children and teens across the country."

The curriculum for the institute will be collaboratively developed by BGCA and Lilly Family School faculty to focus on information that is immediately relevant and applicable to attendees' day-to-day work.

"We are delighted to join BGCA in this partnership," said Amir Pasic, Ph.D., the Eugene R. Tempel Dean of the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. "By combining the expertise of The Fund Raising School and our Philanthropic Studies faculty, the Resource Development Leadership Institute will enhance these leaders' abilities to maximize the opportunities available in today's philanthropic environment.

The Fund Raising School at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy is internationally renowned for its leadership in educating and preparing successful philanthropic fundraisers. The first group of Boys & Girls Clubs professionals participating in the Leadership Institute will take place in early 2019.

### **About Boys & Girls Clubs of America**

For more than 150 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (**BGCA.org**) has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, 4,400 Clubs serve 4 million young people through Club membership and community outreach. Clubs are in cities, towns, public housing and on Native lands throughout the country, and serve military families in BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide. They provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs during non-school hours.

### **About the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy**

The Lilly Family School of Philanthropy is dedicated to improving philanthropy to improve the world by training and empowering students and professionals to be innovators and leaders who create positive and lasting change. The school offers a comprehensive approach to philanthropy through its academic, research and international programs and through The Fund Raising School, the Mays Family Institute on Diverse Philanthropy and the Women's Philanthropy Institute.

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