



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF TAMPA BAY

PRESS RELEASE

2nd Annual Great Futures Breakfast Raises More Than \$500,000 For Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay

December 5, 2013, Tampa, FL: The Tampa Bay Times Forum and Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay partnered once again to host the 2nd Annual Great Futures Breakfast on December 3rd, raising more than \$500,000 for the youth served by Boys & Girls Clubs.

Jeff and Penny Vinik served as honorary co-chairs for the second year in a row, donating the Tampa Bay Times Forum for the event and transforming the forum floor to accommodate 790 guests. The one-hour program included CC Sabathia, Boys & Girls Club Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee, 2007 CY Young Award Winner, 6-Time Major League All-Star, and Future MLB Hall of Famer.

Sabathia, who attended a Boys & Girls Clubs as a young man in Vallejo, CA, has been an avid supporter of Boys & Girls Clubs along with the NY Yankees team and the Steinbrenner family. Other keynote speakers included Jeff and Penny Vinik, Tampa Bay Lightning owners; Hal Steinbrenner, Managing Partner of the NY Yankees; and Ray Ifert, Regional Director for BNY Mellon Wealth Management.

Celebrating more than 85 years of making a difference in Tampa, the program showcased past and current Club Members and the impact the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay had on their lives.

Entertainment was provided by 11-year-old Toriana Maura, current Club Member at the Joe and Anne Garcia Smith Salesian site, who dazzled the audience with her acoustic guitar serenade. Toriana is a self-taught guitar player who has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club since 2011.

Through the generous donations of the Tampa Bay Times Forum, Tampa Bay Lightning, BNY Mellon, AVI-SPL Productions, the New York Yankees Foundation, the Fuente Family Foundation, AAA South, Virginia Kaul & Vic Holcomb, PDQ Restaurants, and Catering By The Family, all proceeds raised from the event will go directly back to the Clubs in Tampa Bay, providing opportunity to more than 11,000 youth between the ages of 5-18 years.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay has been a positive force in the community for 85 years; enabling young people to become productive, responsible and caring citizens through structured programming, safe learning environments and dedicated staff. With a focus on three core priority outcomes – Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Improving Character & Leadership, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay provides opportunities to build new skills that raise each Club Member's belief that he or she can succeed and receive recognition for personal, social and academic accomplishments.

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