



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County to Host 16th Annual Golf Outing

BGCLBC Aims to Raise Funds to Support Essential Youth Programs Benefiting Local Residents Most In Need

[Bergen County, N.J.] — The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County (BGCLBC) is proud to announce it will host its 16th Annual Elite Golf Outing on Monday, July 19, 2021 at the Arcola Country Club in Paramus, N.J. Each year, the BGCLBC golf event aims to raise vital funds needed to support the essential programs, services and initiatives the BGCLBC provides to children, parents and residents most in need across Bergen County. Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 AM, a shotgun start at 9:00 AM with a catered lunch and awards to follow at 1:00 PM.

Funds from the 16th Annual Elite Golf Outing will directly support the life enhancing youth programs and services the BGCLBC provides in its Lodi and Hackensack locations. In addition to mentoring programs which inspire positive impact on a child's educational and personal development, funds from the 16th Annual Elite Golf Outing will also support initiatives and resources like daily homework assistance, tutoring services, access to STEM programming, and equipment for activities and other learning materials.

The events following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic nearly devastated many charitable organizations. Amidst a time of uncertainty, the services provided by the BGCLBC to those most in need never wavered.

BGCLBC CEO Joe Licata said, "BGCLBC is proud to bring the tradition of this community event back. We are excited to once again host our golf outing and have the opportunity to spend time with our valued supporters. Licata continued, "While we are looking forward to a great day of golf, through

this fundraiser we also hope to engage and educate community members and local leaders across our area about the value of the various programs offered by each of our club locations."

The BGCLBC 16th Annual Elite Golf Outing will honor Boys and Girls Club alumnus, business leader and philanthropist Jorge Ledesma. Licata said, "Each year, we are proud to recognize a Boys and Girls Club supporter who has been an advocate of our organization. Not only is Jorge Ledesma a former Boys and Girls Club alumnus, but as CEO of Greater Bergen REALTORS, he has been an incredible patron and supporter of the Boys and Girls Club. The REALTOR Care Foundation and Greater Bergen REALTORS organizations continue to play a pivotal role in the growth of our organization."

CEO of Greater Bergen Realtors Jorge Ledesma said, "As a former Boys and Girls Club alumnus, I am especially honored to be recognized by the BGCLBC. I firmly believe that the hope for a great future starts with access to educational programs and the positive influence of role models." He continued, "I have seen firsthand how the Boys and Girls Club of Lower Bergen County continues to provide invaluable programs and support to children within our community. Each and every one of them have bright futures ahead of them, and it's our duty to help tomorrow's leaders. I'm humbled to receive this recognition and I'm eager to continue to promote the incredible efforts of the BGCLBC."

About The BGCLBC 16th Annual Elite Golf Outing

The 16th Annual Elite Golf Outing will be held on Monday, July 19, 2021 at the Arcola Country Club located on Paramus Road in Paramus, N.J. The cost of admission is \$395 per golfer or \$1,500 per foursome. Golfer participation includes a day of golf at one of Bergen County's premier courses, complimentary breakfast and lunch, access to a silent auction on-site and the chance to participate in exciting contests. Lunch tickets are available for \$100 each and sponsorship opportunities are also available.

To Participate & Donate

To participate in the golf outing, become a sponsor or learn more, please visit www.bgclbergen.org/2021-elite-golf.

For additional questions, contact Melissa McKinney at Melissa.mckinney@bgcoflodi.org or 974-473-7410, ext. 104.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County's (BGCLBC) mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. BGCLBC strives to instill strong character, leadership skills, academic success and healthy living habits among their members and see them through high school graduation with a plan for their future. BGCLBC is the place where great futures are started each and every day.

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