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Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence Expands Endowment Program, Announces Establishment of Two New Funds to Support Club Membership and College Education

The Robert P. Brooks President's Scholarship Endowment, and Solomon A. Solomon College Education Endowment newest additions to organization's abilities to positively impact the lives of local youth

Providence, R.I. – The oldest continuously-operating Boys & Girls Club in the country has expanded the endowment program it began just three years ago, strengthening its ability to positively impact the lives of local youth for years to come. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence, established in 1868, are pleased to announce the establishment of The Robert P. Brooks President's Scholarship Endowment and The Solomon A. Solomon College Education Endowment. Each is managed by The Rhode Island Foundation and may be contributed to by members of the community.

The two new endowments join the Clubs' Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence Operational Endowment as established funds. The organization also continues to fundraise in support of The Roosevelt "Bells" Benton Endowed Scholarship, which provides scholarship funds to members of the Clubs' South Side Club, and The Young Women's Program Leadership Endowment, which delivers programs that promote health and fitness to young girls, along with supporting the development of their plans for post-secondary studies.

The Robert P. Brooks President's Scholarship Endowment was established by Robert P. Brooks, of East Greenwich, who is a 1967 alumnus of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence and served as President of its Board of Governors from 2003-2012 among his still active 20-years of board service. The endowment will provide membership scholarships to any Providence Club location for all in-need Providence youth.

As one of the longest-tenured supporters of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence, and an alumnus since 1930, Solomon A. Solomon, and his family, have helped to establish The Solomon A. Solomon College Education Endowment. Believing strongly that education is the key to success for young people, the organization will use these funds to assist members in financing their college education, which may include application, book, and associated expenses. Mr. Solomon is a resident of East Greenwich.

"These endowments, which are forever gifts to the kids we serve, have been generously created and supported by those who understand the long-term impact they can have on the lives of others," said Nicole Dufresne, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence. "Not only do our Clubs represent safe and supportive environments for children, we're committed to helping our members thrive in life by opening doors to opportunities they may otherwise not have."

Anyone interested in contributing to one of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence endowment funds, or that wishes to learn more, may contact Nicole Dufresne, Executive Director, at (401) 444-0750 ext. 108, or ndufresne@bgcprov.org

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