



Dawn Stanhope
CEO
Manatee Boys & Girls Club

Dawn Stanhope, currently in her 10th year of dedicated service as the President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, has overseen remarkable growth and expansion in both the size and the range of services provided by the Clubs. Throughout her tenure, the organization has significantly enhanced its capacity to deliver high-quality enrichment programs to thousands of youth and teenagers across the region through six strategically located facilities.

Noteworthy among recent achievements is the highly successful Invest in Kids campaign, which secured a remarkable \$10 million investment in Southwest Bradenton. This funding has been instrumental in rebuilding the DeSoto Club, equipping it with state-of-the-art facilities for afterschool and summer youth development programming. The impact of this initiative extends to generations of families, offering them modern and comprehensive resources.

Despite evolving to meet the changing desires and needs of youth, the organization's mission has steadfastly remained unchanged throughout its robust 78-year history. The core objective continues to be providing unwavering support and guidance to young individuals, cultivating them into leaders in our community and beyond.

Dawn actively leads the Boys & Girls Clubs while also contributing to the community through her voluntary board service for organizations such as the FL Community Loan Fund and Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation. Furthermore, she serves as a Big mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Suncoast. Encouraging and supporting her team of leaders within the Clubs to actively engage with the community, Dawn fosters a culture of involvement. This approach not only strengthens the Clubs' ties with the community but also enhances youth support through valuable partnerships and program collaborations across the County.

Accepting the Non-Profit Leadership Award on behalf of Dawn is Beth Clark, Chief Operating Officer of Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County.