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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast Receives \$10,000 Grant from Staples Foundation for Learning

*Funds Will Support Destination Success Program focused on
Literacy and Academic Mentoring*

Gulfport, Miss. (March 22, 2011) – [Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast](#) today announced it has received a \$10,000 grant from [Staples Foundation for Learning](#) (SFFL), a private foundation created by [Staples, Inc.](#) Funding from Staples Foundation will support Destination Success, which provides literacy and academic mentoring to more than 20 young Club members, teens and their parents at the Forest Heights Center in Gulfport.

Through Destination Success, teen Club members serve as positive mentors to younger members by helping them with their school work and literacy skills development. These same teen Club members have the opportunity to explore their post high school opportunities by touring area colleges, understanding the application process and learning about applying for financial aid. In addition, the parents of all Club members have access to computer literacy classes so they can expand their own career opportunities and increase their literacy skills.

“Destination Success is a unique educational program that serves Boys & Girls Club members of all ages, including their parents,” said Dr. David L. Spinks, executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast. “With the support from Staples Foundation for Learning, more Club members in Gulfport will have access to our quality programs like Destination Success.”

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“Staples Foundation for Learning remains committed to supporting organizations like the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast as they work hard to provide a phenomenal academic mentoring and literacy program that truly makes an impact on the lives of Club members throughout the area,” said Amy Shanler, director of community relations for Staples, Inc.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast

In 2010, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast had approximately 2,800 registered members and served 1,500 youth through the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast New Hope Program, which is a school-based therapeutic behavioral facilitation program. Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

About Staples Foundation for Learning

Founded in 2002, Staples Foundation for Learning has contributed to nearly 1,000 global, national and local charities that provide educational opportunities and job skills for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Staples Foundation for Learning builds lasting relationships with world-class organizations including [Boys & Girls Clubs of America](#), [Ashoka](#), [Earth Force](#), [TakingItGlobal](#), and the [Initiative for a Competitive Inner City](#). The foundation is the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc. and is an integral component of Staples Soul, which recognizes the connection between long-term business success and the impact Staples has on associates, communities and the planet. For more information about the foundation and Staples Soul, please visit www.staplesfoundation.org and www.staples.com/soul.

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