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BIG FUN UNDER THE BIG TOP

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast hosts its 20th Annual Steak & Stake Dinner and Silent Auction

Gulfport, MS – The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast (BGCGC) invites you to join them for an evening of entertainment and honors at the 20th Annual Steak & Stake Dinner and Silent Auction on July 19, 2011. The Silent Auction and Reception begin at 5:30 pm and dinner seating will be promptly at 6:30 pm. Hosted by the IP Casino-Resort-Spa, this year's event will showcase the youth members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast. This year's event promises to be "over the top" with its circus theme and one of the most enjoyable dinners and silent auctions you will ever attend.

This annual dinner gives you the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful meal while sharing your table with the youth BGCGC serves. The youth will be providing the entertainment for the evening by showcasing their talents through a Broadway style performance. Presentation of the the prestigious Youth Awards, including the Youth of the Year Award, highlights the evening. In addition, Yoni Kalin, a youth himself from the Washington D.C. area will be presenting 4 scholarships to selected BGCGC youth. The money for the scholarships was raised through his efforts with the Fishing for Success program. "I started the project after hearing the devastating news that the Gulf had been hit by another disaster, this time man-made. I was concerned about my peers in high school, knowing the struggles of paying for college." Kalin continued, "I knew that adults had relief organizations to turn to but I wanted kids to know that other teens care about them, their welfare, and their future. I hope that this small gesture will impact a few lives and inspire others to create the same opportunities for those in need."

In addition to the Silent Auction at the event, raffle tickets are on sale now for the opportunity to win 100 bottles of wine or a family trip for four to Tampa, Florida. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 or three tickets for \$20 and you do not have to be present to win. Tickets for the event are \$100 per individual and several sponsorship levels are available. All proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast and are tax deductible. If you would like to purchase a ticket or need more information about the event please call Michelle Wilson, Director of Development, at 228-896-3770 or visit the website for more information www.bgcgulfcoast.org.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast

In 2010, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast had approximately 2800 registered members and served 1500 youth through 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.

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