

Boys & Girls Club of Liberty County, Georgia

A Place to Call Their Own

The Situation

The Liberty County, Georgia community has long been in need of a community center that could provide after-school programs and activities for school-aged children. According to recent data from the U.S. Census, there are more than 12,000 school-aged children in the county who could benefit greatly from community programming.

In the Greater-Savannah, Georgia region, clubs operate under the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club of Savannah. There have been plans for Liberty County to have its own club for years, but community support has been needed for raising funds in order for this dream to become reality.

Why It's Important

Across the U.S., 7.7 million kids and teens are alone and unsupervised after school, while nearly 25 million don't have access to after-school programs. Boys and Girls Clubs provide a safe place to play, grow and learn while empowering youth to excel in school, become good citizens and lead healthy, productive lives. Studies have shown that kids and teens who attend clubs perform better academically and are more likely to avoid risky behaviors and attend school consistently.



Rendering of 22,000 square foot new Boys & Girls Club

What They Did

David Loo and Richard Ortiz of Hudson Realty Capital, investors in the local region, saw the opportunity to help local families by giving back part of one property they own to become the land where the new Boys & Girls Club would be built. Loo and Ortiz donated 6.3 acres of land off of West Oglethorpe Highway in Walthourville, Georgia for construction of Liberty County's first club. It will soon be home to a brand new 22,000 square foot building where school-aged children have access to after school programs and other resources. The planned facility will have a technology center, a gym, and classroom for attendees.



David Loo
CO-MANAGING PARTNER



It's important to be able to help families educate their children, and providing them with access to this Boys and Girls Club will serve as an outlet for the area's children and teenagers," said David Loo, Co-Managing Partner of Hudson Realty Capital. "This donation of this land is another example of how a public/private partnership can work. The community has an identified need to help its youth; private interests can help muster financial support to help address those needs. In the end, both sides reap benefits as the community prospers from the joint efforts."