



PRESS RELEASE

Winter Construction Celebrates the Groundbreaking of the John H. Harland Boys & Girls Club

(October 11, 2017) ATLANTA, GA – Winter Construction celebrated the groundbreaking of the John H. Harland Boys & Girls Club: The Innovation and Expression Studio with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta (BGCMA), along with some special guests. In addition to Missy Dugan, the President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta, prominent figures from the BGCMA Board of Directors, the Harland Foundation, SunTrust, City of Atlanta, and other BGCMA supporters attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

The new 25,000 square-foot building will serve as an arts- and innovation-centered hub for youth, helping to enrich the lives of more than 200 kids and teens each day.

Slated for completion in late 2018, the Club, called TIES for short (an acronym of The Innovation and Expression Studio) will offer visual, performing, and culinary arts. With a focus on the arts, the programs will continue to encourage self-expression, self-confidence, and a sense of belonging. The new Harland Boys & Girls Club will replace the existing building, which has been serving Atlanta's Westside youth for more than 50 years.

“We are excited to provide an innovative space that will encourage our youth to learn critical skills, nurture their passion, and showcase their work,” said Missy Dugan. “Whether kids are learning through visual, performing, or culinary arts, the Club will focus on helping them build the skills they need to succeed in school, live healthy, and become leaders.”

Winter Construction has a long history of constructing and renovating civic, educational, and recreation buildings. “It is an honor to be a part of this new Boys & Girls Club of Atlanta in the Westside and the legacy that BGCMA provides for so many children in our city. Winter is committed to building safe spaces for kids to grow and learn, and the new John H. Harland Boys & Girls Club sets a new standard of arts-based centers that will increase academic achievement for years to come,” said Brent Reid, CEO of Winter Construction.

The building is designed by Collins Cooper Carusi Architects, a firm that Winter has collaborated with on many projects for more than 10 years.

About Winter Construction:

Winter Construction is a privately owned and operated Atlanta based general contracting company. We provide construction services to clients in the hospitality, retail, government, education, senior living, and multi-family markets throughout the Southeast. For more information visit: <http://www.winter-construction.com>

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta

Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta's mission is to save and change the lives of children and teens, especially those who need us most, by providing a safe, positive and engaging environment and programs that prepare and inspire them to achieve Great Futures. Through 25 Clubs in 10 metro counties, trained and professional staff serve more than 3,300 youth (ages 6-18) daily through programs that foster academic success, healthy lifestyles and character and leadership development. BGCMA also oversees Camp Kiwanis, a 160-acre outdoor residence camp. While the cost to effectively serve those who need us most is approximately \$5,700 per member, families are asked to pay between \$60 and \$135 per child each year based on income; and no child is turned away due to inability to pay. To find out how you can support Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta, visit www.bgcma.org/get-involved/. To learn more about the TIES project, visit www.bgcma.org/club/harlandandties/.

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