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Kohl's Continues Partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America with $1.5 Million Donation to Support Youth Mental Health and Wellness Nationwide

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Funding supports 4,700 Clubs across the country, including program improvements and trauma-informed care initiatives

MENOMONEE FALLS, Wis.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- In honor of World Mental Health Day on October 10, Kohl's (NYSE: KSS) today announced a $1.5 million commitment to continue its national partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The funding will expand trauma-informed care training across local Clubs nationwide, helping Club professionals create healthy, supportive spaces where young people can build resilience and thrive. Through this next chapter of support, Boys & Girls Clubs of America will equip more staff and Club leaders with specialized training to address youth emotional well-being, manage stress and foster positive development.

"Supporting kids and families is central to our commitment at Kohl's, because we know that feeling safe and supported is foundational to a child's success," said Jennie Kent, Kohl's chief legal and corporate affairs officer. "We are proud to partner with Boys & Girls Clubs of America to invest in the emotional well-being of young people nationwide, equipping staff with the tools to foster resilience and help kids navigate today's challenges with confidence."

Meeting the Growing Need for Youth Well-Being

Creating safe spaces offers crucial support for young people navigating daily challenges. **CDC data** shows that more than 40% of young people deal with persistent sadness or stress, creating a critical need for positive youth environments. Boys & Girls Clubs serve as trusted safe spaces, with **91% of Club youth** reporting they have an adult

at their Club to talk to about their problems. Through Kohl's support, Boys & Girls Clubs of America is expanding its trauma-informed curriculum across the country, following recent regional sessions where 100% of participating Clubs felt better prepared to support their youth.

"Trauma-informed Boys & Girls Clubs create safer, relationship-centered environments where young people feel seen, heard, and valued," says Kate Endries, National Director of Trauma-Informed Practice for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. "Through Kohl's support, Clubs nationwide are strengthening staff practices, promoting well-being, and creating conditions for youth to thrive."

A Long-Term Commitment to Shaping Brighter Futures

Building on an eight-year commitment to trauma-informed care, this investment marks the latest milestone in Kohl's longstanding partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Since 2017, Kohl's has donated over $21 million to support more than 4,700 local Clubs nationwide, helping Boys & Girls Clubs reach more than 4 million young people annually. In 2026, that support included **back-to-school shopping grants**, **physical health and wellness grants for active play spaces**, associate volunteering at local Clubs across the country, and continued sponsorship of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Regional Youth of the Year events, which celebrate exceptional youth leaders nationwide.

Funding for the partnership is made possible through Kohl's Cares® Goods for Good™ merchandise collections, which donate 100% of net profit to nonprofits supporting family health and wellness initiatives nationwide.

To join Kohl's in supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and make a difference for youth across the country, visit **bgca.org**.

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of America

For more than 160 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (**BGCA.org**) has provided a safe place for kids and teens to learn and grow. Clubs offer caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Boys & Girls Clubs programming promotes academic success, good character and leadership, and healthy lifestyles. Nearly 5,500 Clubs serve more than 4 million young people through Club membership and community outreach. Clubs are located in cities, towns, public housing and on Native lands throughout the country, and serve military families in BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide. The national headquarters is located in Atlanta. Learn more about Boys & Girls Clubs of America on **Facebook** and **LinkedIn.**

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