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From left: GL Homes Senior Director of Community Relations Sarah Alsofrom, The Benjamin School high school seniors and Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Youth of the Year finalists Kaleb Rolle and Kelvin Rolle with GL Homes President Misha Ezratti. [TRACEY BENSON PHOTOGRAPHY]

## How Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County and GL Homes support our community's most promising youth

The 21st Annual Barefoot on the Beach fundraiser for Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County – an all-white attire affair, by the way – will mark the ‘unofficial end’ of the Palm Beach social season later this month.

By Steve Dorfman • Notables Staff Writer

Just the words themselves – “Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County” – immediately bring to mind a certain imagery: that of smiling youngsters participating in a myriad of the renowned organization’s after-school programs, all of which can improve their lives.

Among the many programs that Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County provides to our community’s youth are ones that focus on both the “now” – and the future. They include the following:

- Family services
- Teens
- Education and development
- Technology and STEM
- Healthy lifestyles

- Great futures
- Sports, fitness and recreation
- Cultural arts
- Character and leadership development

Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County President and CEO Jaene Miranda is passionate when it comes to explaining the importance of her organization’s role in the community – especially when it comes to education.

“Education is the great equalizer, ultimately leveling the playing field for all children,” she says. “We offer a myriad of high-quality and life-enhancing



Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Youth of the Year winner Alonza Lloyd with Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County President & CEO Jaene Miranda. [CAPEHART]

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programs that include homework help, tutoring with certified teachers, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), cultural arts, sports, recreation, health and wellness, social skills and service learning for all of our youth.”

Of course, to be able to provide such vital, life-changing programming necessitates the generosity of local benefactors.

Benefactors like GL Homes – which has been supporting Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County’s mission for several years.

“Preparing our children to face the world is one of our greatest responsibilities,” says GL Homes President Misha Ezratti. “The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County provide the tools that set up children for success while allowing them to grow and thrive in a safe space. Together with this great organization, we’ll do whatever it takes to build great futures.”

Ezratti is particularly proud of how GL Homes has been able to have personal involvement with some of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County members it helps.

For instance, at last year’s annual Holiday Gift Drive, GL Homes representatives met – and were extremely impressed by – high school senior and aspiring civil engineer Kelvin Rolle.

This led to Kelvin and his mother, LaTishia



**From left: GL Homes Senior Director of Land Development Anthony LoFurno, Kelvin Rolle, GL Homes Project Manager Heather Swanson with Kelvin’s mother, LaTishia Rolle, toured the new Valencia Grand construction site in Boynton Beach.**  
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**Left to right back row: GL Homes Senior Director of Community Relations Sarah Alsofrom, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County Corporate Board Member Julie Kime, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County President & CEO Jaene Miranda with club members Messiah, Jada, Aiden and Melissa.**

Rolle, a schoolteacher, being invited to a sit-down meeting with the company’s engineering team and a hard-hat

tour of the GL Homes construction site at Valencia Grand in Boynton Beach. Kelvin and his twin



**Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County members.**



**Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County members Jada and Melissa.**

## IF YOU GO

**What:** 21st Annual Barefoot on the Beach where guests wear all-white attire.

**When:** Friday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Breakers Ocean Club, One South County Road, Palm Beach.

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Benjamin School next month and will attend Florida A&M.

Also at the 2022 Palm Beach County Holiday

Gift Drive event, numerous GL Homes staff members brought smiles to numerous youngsters by making sure they’d have toys aplenty for Christmas.

GL Homes is so dedicated to making sure that kids can celebrate Christmas that it has become the presenting sponsor of Boys & Girls Clubs Holiday Gift Drive events in the following Florida counties: Collier County, Hillsborough County, Lee County, Palm Beach County, Pinellas County and St. Lucie County.

GL Homes’ year-round efforts to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County – which, in addition to the gift drive, also included being title sponsor of the Back to School initiative and being heavily involved in the Clubs’ Hunger Relief Programs – led to GL Homes being given a special honor by Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County in 2022: the Children’s Champion Award.

Later this month, Palm Beach County’s philanthropic community will gather to fundraise for Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County at what has often been described as the must-attend event of the season: the Annual Barefoot on the Beach bash at the exclusive Breakers Ocean Club.

Guests will wear all-white attire to celebrate the “unofficial” close of the Palm Beach social season and will be treated to cocktails, dinner, a live auction, live entertainment and dancing until midnight. Tickets usually sell out quickly, though, so if you don’t already have yours, be sure to act soon.