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## Supporting Addiction Free Environments Awards Boys & Girls Clubs Grant for Alcohol and Tobacco Abstention Program

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana recently received a grant from Supporting Addiction Free Environments to support an alcohol, tobacco, and drug abstention program. The \$9,393 award will allow Boys & Girls Clubs to purchase supplies in support of its Too Good For Drugs programming at Clubs in Lake County.

Too Good For Drugs (TGFD) is a prevention education program designed to mitigate the risk factors and enhance protective factors related to alcohol, tobacco and drug use. Boys & Girls Clubs Director of Grant Operations Orlando Drummond said the organization plans to use the funds to purchase TGFD curriculum and supplies to enhance the program, including goggles designed to mimic the visual effects of using opioids.

"The support we get from SAFE allows us to involve Club members in high-quality abstention programming and gives kids the tools they need to avoid risky behaviors," Drummond said.

Drummond said SAFE has been an instrumental partner in the organization's healthy lifestyles programming for a number of years.

"Encouraging Clubs members to make healthy lifestyle choices is one of our core priorities," Drummond said. "SAFE has been a consistent partner in our efforts to educate young people about the dangers of substance abuse, and we are extremely grateful for their support this year."

## **About Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana:**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana has been opening doors to GREAT FUTURES for Porter and Lake County youth for over 60 years. Clubs are open after school and provide great places for youth in grades K-12 to meet friends and have fun while in a safe, supervised environment. Clubs are open during holidays and in the summer. Annual membership is only \$40.00. For information on membership, volunteer opportunities, or to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact your local Club by calling (219) 764-2582 or visiting <a href="mailto:bgcgreaternwi.org">bgcgreaternwi.org</a>. Great Futures Start HERE.

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