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## **Bridgestone Donates \$500,000 to Support Transportation Needs for Boys & Girls Clubs**

- Funds will ensure Clubs have reliable transportation for winter months as they continue serving kids and families amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The donation is part of the Bridgestone *Driving Great Futures* initiative, which helps kids and teens gain access to high-impact programming from Boys & Girls Clubs.
- To date, Bridgestone has also donated \$1.6 million to support COVID-19 relief efforts at Boys & Girls Clubs across the country.

**NASHVILLE, TN (December 7, 2020)** – [Bridgestone Retail Operations](#) (Bridgestone), a subsidiary of [Bridgestone Americas](#), announced it has donated \$500,000 to ensure 40 Boys & Girls Clubs across the country have access to reliable transportation that will allow them to continue serving kids and families into the winter months, during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. With this donation, Bridgestone had given a total of \$13.9 million to Boys & Girls Clubs of America since 2015 through the company's *Driving Great Futures* initiative.

“Our *Driving Great Futures* partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America works to help solve one of the biggest challenges kids and families face: getting to and from the Clubs safely each day,” said Joe Venezia, president, Bridgestone Retail Operations. “This year, dependable transportation has taken on a new meaning, as Clubs have continued serving communities during this challenging time by addressing food insecurity and supporting virtual learning needs. This donation ensures Clubs are armed with reliable, well-serviced vehicles that will allow them to do this important work through the tough winter months.”

Clubs will use their transportation grants for a variety of purposes, including servicing or repairing existing vehicles, winterizing their vans for the coming season, or purchasing new Club vehicles. The contribution is the result of customer donations collected in Q3 2020 across the Bridgestone nationwide network of 2,200+ tire and automotive service centers doing business as Firestone Complete Auto Care, Tires Plus, Hibdon Tires Plus and Wheel Works.

"We are so thankful to have Bridgestone as a dedicated partner to our mission," said Jim Clark, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. "The *Driving Great Futures* campaign has been critical for Clubs in need every year. Thank you to the network of Bridgestone stores and its customers for another successful campaign year. The funds raised will ensure thousands of kids and teens will get to and from the Club safely this winter season."

In April and September of this year, Bridgestone also supported Boys & Girls Clubs of America's COVID-19 Relief Fund with a total donation of \$1.6 million. The fund was launched to ensure Club staff, youth, families and communities have the resources and support needed to navigate challenging circumstances during the ongoing global health pandemic.

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