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Boys & Girls Club Reaching into Union County

Town Hall Meeting Announcement This Tuesday

CHARLOTTE, NC (February 21, 2011)—Through the vision of local education and business leaders, youth in Union County have reason to celebrate—the Boys and Girls Clubs are opening a club at Monroe Middle School. The public is invited to kick-off this exciting event with a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Monroe Middle School, located at 601 E. Sunset Drive in Monroe, North Carolina. Special guest for the evening is former Carolina Panther and Boys and Girls Club member Mike Minter. Dr. Ed Davis will welcome the crowd and provide the community with the background on this endeavor.

Now in its 75th year, The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Charlotte annually serves more than 2,100 youth. The Club provides a safe place for young people in Mecklenburg and now Union counties to go during the after-school hours, where they can receive positive guidance from caring adults and opportunities to support academics and develop healthy lifestyles and good character and leadership skills.

“Daily our Clubs are making positive changes for children who need quality choices for after school time,” said Marty Clary, executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs. “Last year our local clubs served more than 2,100 youth in 7 clubs. We are grateful to for the chance to reach out to youth and their families in Union County.”

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About the Boys & Girls Clubs

The Boys & Girls Clubs was founded locally in 1935 on North Poplar Street. Today 7 clubs serve 2,100 school-age children. Programs include academics, recreation, the arts, character and leadership, and health and life skills. The clubs are located in diverse neighborhoods from Charlotte Housing Authority sites, to Davidson, to the nation’s only club in a homeless shelter. The Boys & Girls Clubs is a division of The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte.