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# PRESS RELEASE

## **Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County Submits Donor into Jeremiah Milbank Society**

*Gene & Anne Beckstein are honored as Jeremiah Milbank Society Members*

**Photo:** *Valerie Nelson, Gene Beckstein and Carl Weeks*

**BRADENTON**—Gene and Anne Beckstein known for their generous giving in Manatee County and the Boys & Girls Clubs is happy to make sure they are recognized on a national level. Due to a \$10,000 unrestricted cash donation, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County was able to submit the Becksteins into the Jeremiah Milbank Society.

The Jeremiah Milbank Society was created by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to honor individuals who donate \$10,000 or more in unrestricted cash gifts to Boys & Girls Clubs across the nation. Jeremiah Milbank, a lifelong believer in volunteerism, helped President Herbert Hoover develop the Boys & Girls Club national organization that provides support services for Clubs serving disadvantaged youth. He served as treasurer of the national organization for more than 25 years. Mr. Milbank's life-long concern for youth and those less fortunate has changed the lives of millions and is the inspiration for The Jeremiah Milbank Society.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County serves over 2,500 youth at five locations (Harlee Middle School, Southeast High School, Bradenton, DeSoto and Palmetto).

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