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PRESS RELEASE

Buccaneer Earnest Graham comes out for Kids at Boys & Girls Club in Palmetto

BRADENTON – Bright House Networks will bring Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Earnest Graham to Palmetto for a special appearance in recognition of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

The event is scheduled for **Friday, Jan. 18**, at the Palmetto Boys & Girls Clubs (1600 10th Street West). Graham is scheduled to tour the facility and visit with the Club members while they participate in their regular activities and some special activities planned to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. He will speak to the kids as a group at approximately 12 p.m.

This initiative is part of Bright Kids Network, a comprehensive community outreach program of Bright House Networks to enhance after school programs. Bright House Networks has committed \$1 million to Florida Boys & Girls Clubs over a four-year span to include financial support, technology and community outreach and enrichment experiences such as this event. “Bright House Networks has been a long-standing partner of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County and we appreciate their continued support of the youth in our community,” said BGCMC Executive Director Carl Weeks.

Club members will be participating in an art project to create murals that include their activities at the Club, the messages of Martin Luther King, Jr. that inspire them, and to celebrate Mr. Graham’s visit. The murals will be displayed at the Palmetto Club.

In his fourth season with the Bucs, Graham led the team in rushing with 898 yards. The University of Florida alum scored 11 touchdowns during the regular season and one in the playoffs.

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

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County: The Positive Place for Kids.

