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# PRESS RELEASE

## **"Prescription for Success" Camp Participants Graduate**

*Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County Health Career Camp A Success*

**BRADENTON** – In partnership with Gulfcoast South Area Health Education Center, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County held an intensive two-week "Prescription for Success" Summer Health Careers Camp. Twelve participants, Club members from area high schools, graduated the program on Friday, June 20. The camp gave teens hands-on opportunities to learn about a variety of health care careers.

Dr. Bonnie Hesselberg, Director of the Nursing Department at Manatee Community College, was instrumental in providing staff support and on-site training programs for the teens. Participants also visited area hospitals and post-secondary colleges and programs offering health care career training.

Acceptance in the "Prescription for Success" Summer Health Careers Camp was competitive. Teens were required to write an essay explaining their interest in health care careers, have above average school performance and have two reference letters of support.

Summer Health Careers Camp graduates enjoyed a stipend provided through the partnership program. They will receive continuing assistance from Gulfcoast South AHEC in formulating their ongoing career plans in health care.

**The Media is invited to attend graduation on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Ortygia Restaurant at 1418 13<sup>th</sup> St W, Bradenton.**

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The Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County serves over 2,500 throughout five club locations: the Bradenton Club, DeSoto Club, Palmetto Club, Harlee Middle School Club and The Club at Southeast High School.



Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.