



QUEST DIAGNOSTICS MAKES CRUCIAL DONATION TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS SERVING WAKE COUNTY

Protective face masks were gifted to the local non-profit to help with its dire need for PPE gear as it services an increased number of children

GREENSBORO, N.C. (September 21, 2020) — Quest Diagnostics, the world’s leading provider of diagnostic testing, services and information that patients and doctors rely on to make better healthcare decisions, today announced it donated \$5,000 and 1,000 facial coverings to the local Boys & Girls Clubs serving Wake County. As local schools remain in a virtual learning setting, and parents are struggling with child care more than usual, the organization is currently servicing roughly 450 students across its seven locations, with plans to increase capacity once it is safe to do so.

Traditionally, the local Boys & Girls Clubs only operated on a half-day schedule. With COVID-19 and its impact on the school system, the Clubs are offering full-day hours for the foreseeable future to accommodate students who need the organization's services now more than ever. This means the Clubs are desperate for PPE gear to safely welcome kids at the facility every day. The donation will protect both staff and students by supplying nearly a third of the kids with appropriate face masks. Quest Diagnostics’ additional monetary donation of \$5,000 helps keep clubs operating with increased hours, more staff and smaller groups of children to keep facilities safer.

“We want to do whatever we can to help protect Carolina residents from COVID-19, especially those who have a need such as the kids frequenting the local Boys & Girls Clubs serving Wake County,” said Alan Myers, vice president and general manager, southeast region for Quest Diagnostics. “As the pandemic continues to be a force of nature in North Carolina, specifically in Wake County, we are honored to make this donation to an organization that is rooted in helping the community it lives in and serves.”

Quest Diagnostics has had a presence in the Carolinas for over 20 years and is committed to helping the area combat COVID-19 through a variety of services and philanthropic initiatives such as this donation. With a lab in Greensboro and 45 patient service centers, the company employs more than 1,100 locally and serves over two million patients each year in both North and South Carolina.

“We will do whatever it takes to help our kids thrive during this time -- from increasing our hours to hiring more staff,” said Ralph Capps, president and CEO at Boys & Girls Clubs serving Wake County. “We have been fortunate to receive support from various organizations through the Families and Schools Together (FAST) Initiative, and are incredibly grateful to companies such as Quest Diagnostics that are going out of their way to help us.”



To learn more about how Quest Diagnostics is doing its part in the fight against COVID-19 in the Carolinas, please visit [QuestinCarolinas.com](https://questinCarolinas.com). If you are interested in volunteering or making a donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs serving Wake County, please visit <https://wakebgc.org/>.

About Quest Diagnostics

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About the Boys & Girls Clubs serving Wake County

The Boys & Girls Clubs mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need it most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The Clubs' services are available and affordable to all youth, enabling them to have a dedicated facility that is open daily where they can receive key supplementary support. Locations in Wake County are the Raleigh Boys Club, Raleigh Girls Club, "The Club" Teen Center, Wake Forest Club, Zebulon Club, Washington Elementary Club and the Brentwood Club. To learn more about the Boys & Girls Clubs serving Wake County, please visit <https://wakebgc.org/>.

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