



## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE VIRGINIA PENINSULA**

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula has a large footprint on the Peninsula, serving more than 6,000 youth at 13 Club facilities, spanning the cities of Newport News and Hampton and the counties of York, Gloucester and Mathews. We offer children daily opportunities to engage in life-enhancing youth development programs.

In May 2017, the City of Hampton approached Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula about the need for a fire station in the Shell Road community and their willingness to purchase the property at 1815 Shell Road that houses the Citizens Boys & Girls Club, if the organization was interested, to build that emergency services facility. We declined the offer to continue serving more youth in Hampton.

After opening a new Club in the Buckroe community and working with Hampton City Public Schools to expand efforts to serve more kids and teens in Hampton through 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers, we have decided to collaborate with the City of Hampton to address this public safety need. We hope to work with the City to maintain Club programming services in the Shell Road community, including in schools and/or in a community room potentially built into the firehouse, in an effort to continue serving youth in Hampton.

While the City of Hampton initiated the idea, this effort has been collaborative to meet the emergency service needs of the Shell Road community and continue to provide Boys & Girls Club programming in a safer, newer facility.

We remain committed to fulfilling our mission of enabling the children we serve to become productive, caring, and responsible citizens and stand ready and willing to find a way to serve more youth in Hampton in partnership with the City of Hampton.

Hal Smith, President and CEO