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Meghan O. Serrano's Dedication to Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County Earns Her a Fourth Award

SARASOTA, FL – Boys & Girls Clubs of America presented Partner Meghan O. Serrano with the 2020 Southeast Boys & Girls Club Board Member of the Year award during Boys & Girls Clubs of America's national virtual conference on October 28. This award recognizes her unwavering commitment to youth at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County and it is her fourth award recognizing her work for this organization. Other awards received by Meghan include the 2020 Florida Board Member of the Year Award by the Florida Area Council of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, member of the 2019 Board Team of the Year by the Florida Area Council of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and 2017 Board Member of the Year for Sarasota County. Meghan joined the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County Board of Directors in 2016. She is currently chair-elect, where her dedication to the organization goes far beyond the boardroom through youth mentorship, legal counseling, financial support, and visionary leadership.

"Meghan's commitment to our Club members' success has empowered our organization to grow as one of

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the leading youth-serving organizations in the area," said Bill Sadlo, President/CEO at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County. "She embodies our mission and inspires our Club members to achieve greatness while also lending her expertise in law, board governance, and strategic planning."

"This award means everything to me," said Meghan. "I am so honored to have a small role in helping our community's future leaders realize their full potential. I know that our kids are seeing our example and are learning resilience and other leadership qualities that will help them succeed."

Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County has been a leading youth-serving organization in Sarasota County and its surrounding area since 1970, and provides enriching after-school and summer programs to thousands of youth, ages six to 18, in Sarasota, Venice, North Port, and Arcadia. Meghan actively participates in programs that help youth get good grades, become leaders, adopt healthy habits, and plan for success after high school graduation. She has mentored teens who aspire to be lawyers; hosted job-shadow events for youth at Shumaker; connected students to networking opportunities; provided advice and guidance to help teens navigate their pathways to success; and more. She is also a lead champion of programmatic development as demonstrated by her commitment to a task force that is currently analyzing the organization's opportunities for growth and impact in North Port.

Board certified in business litigation by The Florida Bar, Meghan is considered an expert in her field, focusing her practice on business disputes, representing business owners, employers, and property owners in both state and federal court, at the trial level, and on appeal.

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