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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast Announces Evander Holyfield to speak at the 3rd Annual Steak & Stake Dinner

Fort Walton Beach (June 7, 2016) – The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast is pleased to announce that “The Real Deal”, five time Heavyweight Champion of the World, **Evander Holyfield** will serve as the special guest speaker for the 3rd Annual Steak & Stake fundraising dinner.

Mr. Holyfield will share his inspirational story on Thursday, September 22nd at the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Walton in Santa Rosa Beach, FL.

Evander Holyfield is a professional boxer and a multiple world champion in both the cruiserweight and heavyweight divisions, earning him the nickname "The Real Deal". Holyfield won the bronze medal in the Light Heavyweight division at the 1984 Summer Olympics, and he is the only boxer to win the heavyweight title five times.

Mr. Holyfield’s life story began in Atmore, Alabama as the youngest of nine children. When Evander was four, his Mama moved the family to Atlanta, where she’d been born. This is where Evander and his older brother made an important discovery that would change Evander’s life forever. It was called the Warren Memorial Boys Club.

"Mr. Holyfield has a unique and exciting story. We are extremely excited and honored to have Mr. Holyfield as our speaker, a Boys & Girls Club alumni, his story of how the club impacted his life will truly be inspirational for not only attendees, but our youth," said Chief Executive Officer, Shervin Rassa.

The Steak & Stake Dinner provides an opportunity for every guest, including donors, community partners and volunteers, to meet with and hear from the direct beneficiaries of their efforts—our Club Members. Youth sit at every table and are given the chance to share their story of how Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast has a positive impact on their lives and what the Club means to them. Take a Stake in your community and join us for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast’s 3rd Annual Steak & Stake Dinner.

For more information on sponsorships or tickets, contact Rob Engel, Director of Development, at rengel@bgcec.com or call 850.862.1616.

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast

Mission: To inspire and empower all young people to achieve their full potential.

Vision: Improving lives of all Emerald Coast youth as the premier youth development organization.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast serves youth ages 5 to 18 by providing guidance-oriented character development programs conducted by trained, youth development professionals. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast encompasses 9 Clubs and serves over 2,150 youth across Escambia, Okaloosa, and Walton counties. For more information call 850-862-1616 and visit online at www.emeraldcoastbgc.org