

ELIZABETH F. CORRELL  
TEEN CENTER

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difference



## Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia Opens the Elizabeth F. Correll Teen Center

**Brunswick, Ga;** The new 20,000 sq. ft. Teen Center, located on a six-acre campus in Brunswick, Georgia is one of the most unique and creative teen centers in the country.

The Grand Opening celebration was held August 8th, 2009. The Center provides area teens with a safe and positive environment to go after-school or during school break. The facility was designed in part by a youth advisory committee. The committee surveyed their peers at the local schools to make sure the

large investment the community was about to make would have the services and facilities that teens were looking for. The support from city officials, community leaders and local businesses made the dream of the teen center come true. After four years of hard work from the Board of Directors, tireless hours of work from the Capital Campaign Committee, and focus from the staff professionals, the doors to the Elizabeth F. Correll Teen Center officially opened August 2009.



### Grand Opening

Doors opened August 8th, 2009 and the teen center with its cutting edge design and state-of-the-art amenities make it a huge attraction for hundreds of teens.



The new teen center is named in honor of Elizabeth Correll, the mother of former Georgia-Pacific chairman and CEO, Pete Correll - a native of Brunswick, Georgia. Mr. & Mrs. Correll are committed to giving back to the community that helped raise Pete. Naming the Teen Center after his mother, Correll says, is his way of honoring a very special woman while letting the community know how important the values of family are.

"A better education system, including the Teen Center, will lead to a stronger workforce, which, in turn, will lead to a healthier business community. These youth are our future," explains Pete Correll.



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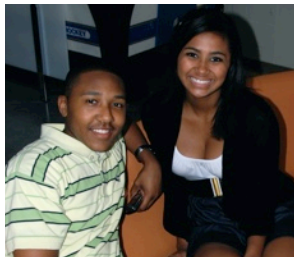
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## The community makes an investment in the future

The Elizabeth F. Correll Teen Center (ECTC) is a wonderful example of a community working together to fulfill a need for the health and well-being of the youth. Even though there are 5 separate locations of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Glynn County the membership sharply declines once the members become teenagers. It became increasingly apparent that there was a need



for a center just for teens. Part of becoming a teenager is self-expression and exploring their dreams. ECTC was designed on

that premise, providing teens with the tools in which they can follow their dreams. The state-of-the-art facility is designed in an open setting to help youth work on setting their goals, preparing them for adulthood and having fun.

Age specific programs cover areas of community service, leadership skills, higher education assistance, job readiness, and much more. The amenities at the ECTC are creatives and well designed, providing a perfect platform for members to work on their life skills and help them set goals for their future.

### ECTC Amenities

The Elizabeth F. Correll Teen Center features a large recreation area in the center of the complex with comfortable seating areas along with video games, TVs and pool tables. It is the perfect place to unwind from school and relax with friends. REFUEL, is ECTC very own cafe which is staffed by its own members. It is a great opportunity for the youth to learn about the food service industry, earn some money, and understand the workings of small businesses. Adjacent to REFUEL is the teen lounge area where they can work on their studies, read, or play board games with friends. If they are



looking to express themselves from their creative side there is a dedicated art room where members learn about art in many different mediums. Musically there is a recording studio where they can book time to

record their own tracks, learn about recording techniques or work on their DJ skills. The Computer Lab just down the hall features top of the line equipment along with help from staff on the software packages.

The Boys & Girls Clubs have always been known for their recreation and the new teen center does not miss a beat. There is a beautiful hardwood floor gymnasium



complete with stands for spectators, a stage as well, so it can be converted for concerts and dances. The recreation doesn't stop on the inside surrounding the facility, there are outdoor basketball courts, an outdoor ping pong table, a soccer field, a stocked fishing pond, skateboard park and a awesome wiffle ball field with fencing resembling Fenway Park, but instead of the green monster we have the Blue Monster.

The programs and special events are what set our facility apart from most teen centers. Every week the center sponsors a unique special event that draws hundreds of teens to the center. From paint wars to sport challenges each and every week is something fun & unique. With the Boys & Girls Clubs of America as the benchmark for the programming along with professionally trained staff, we are providing teenagers with a truly memorable experience. A successful community is not measured in what it has today but rather in what it is doing to create a better tomorrow.

## The talk of the town

"The ECTC is fun, there is lots of stuff to do!", P.J. Burton (14 yrs old)

"I meet a bunch of my friends here and hang out with people I don't know too." Nanyanka Taylor (14 yrs old)



"I go to ECTC to play dodgeball and flag football. There is always something going on," Lane Taylor (14 yrs old).

"I come to the teen center to get out of the house where I am bored and to stay active," Tristen Williams (14 yrs old)

"For me the Teen Center is a great place to do my homework and have fun with my friends," Reyonia Whipple (13 yrs old)

"Through the generous lead gift from Pete & Ada Lee Correll and the financial support from the entire community we have built a community center that leads to academic, leadership and employment success for our teens," Diana Murphy, Capital Campaign Co-Chair.



"The teen center is helping the Boys & Girls Clubs retain membership and reach out to young people at the most crucial time in their development. The goal is to help them achieve their potential and become responsible citizens," Ben T. Slade III, Past-Pres. Boys & Girls Clubs of SE GA