

Remarks at the Grand Opening of the
Tupperware Boys and Girls Club
June 4, 2010
Kissimmee, Florida

On behalf of Jerry Hilbrich, Chairman of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, the entire Board of Directors and staff of the Foundation, both past and present, I am delighted to be with you.

Let me join with all the others in thanking Rick Goings and Tupperware, Meg Crofton and Walt Disney World, Fred Hawkins and the people of Osceola County, and all the financial donors large and small - from \$1 million to pocket change - it all adds up! I also want to thank the in-kind donors - who gave everything from architect plans to office supplies - we couldn't do it without you guys. Volunteers also need to be thanked, from the Board of Directors to student mentors - never underestimate the power of good advice, a smile or a kind word. And of course we wish to thank the children who kept coming and coming and coming until the old club and Mr. Cain said it just couldn't remain the same. Together we have created A PLACE WHERE GREAT FUTURES START!

Our celebration today is about more than just an amazing building, it's about more than just the best youth development program in America -- it's all about the energies, ideas and accomplishments of our children, our community, our local government, philanthropy and business. If together we can harness our energies and prioritize our ideas, we can accomplish any task set before us. It's the story of America. It's the story of Florida. It's the story of the Boys and Girls Club. It's all about human energy, ideas and accomplishments - making the future better. We have a very bright future, but I have a news flash! It was reported in this morning's *Orlando Sentinel* that Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator, has awarded a four star rating to the Central Florida Boys and Girls Clubs for the fifth year in a row. The Boys and Girls Clubs is only one of a couple dozen nonprofits in Central Florida to earn four stars! GREAT FUTURES REALLY START HERE!