

The Positive Place For Kids



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF EL CAMINO REAL



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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF EL CAMINO REAL
OPENS NEW KIDS CAFÉ PROGRAM**

Natchitoches, January 27, 2010 – Boys & Girls Clubs of El Camino Real announced today that for the first time in the organization's history, a Kids Café will be located onsite at the MLK club in Natchitoches. This program is funded by the Food Bank of Central Louisiana, Feeding America, and the Rapides Foundation's Diet and Physical Fitness Initiative.

Kids Café programs provide free meals and snacks to low-income children through a variety of community locations where children already congregate - such as Boys & Girls Clubs, churches or public schools. In addition to providing meals to kids, all Kids Café programs also offer a safe place, where under the supervision of trustworthy staff, a child can get involved in educational, recreational, and social activities.

The program traces its origins to Savannah, Georgia in 1989, when two young brothers were discovered late one night in the kitchen of their housing project's community center desperately searching for food. In response to this glaring example of child hunger, the Second Harvest Food Bank of Coastal Georgia started the first Kids Café. In 1993, Feeding America launched the national Kids Café program.

Fast Facts

- There are over 1,600 established Kids Cafés in operation.
- Over 12 million children live in food lacking households.
- National Kids Café programs are provided through the Feeding America network.



Monday, February 1, 2010
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Boys & Girls Clubs of El Camino Real, MLK Unit
660 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Natchitoches, LA

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