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**BOYS AND GIRLS COUNTRY EARNS  
COVETED 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR**

***HOUSTON/HOCKLEY, TX, June 23, 2016*** – **BOYS AND GIRLS COUNTRY's** strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. This is the fifth time Boys and Girls Country has earned this top distinction in the last six years.

Since 2002, using objective analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. In 2011, Charity Navigator added 17 metrics, focused on governance and ethical practices as well as measures of openness, to its ratings methodology. These Accountability & Transparency metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity's overall rating, reveal which charities operate in accordance with industry best practices and whether they are open with their donors and stakeholders. On June 1, 2016, we upgraded our methodology for rating each charity's financial health with CN 2.1. These enhancements further substantiates the financial health of our four star charities.

"Boys and Girls Country's exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public," according to Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator. "Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of our 4-star rating. This adds Boys and Girls Country to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world's most pressing challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support Boys and Girls Country."

"It's important our donors trust we're using their donations wisely to accomplish changing the lives of the children in our care," said Executive Director Lou Palma. "Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our supporters our good governance and financial accountability."

Boys and Girls Country's rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org). More-detailed information about Boys and Girls Country's rating is available to Charity Navigator site visitors who become registered users, another free service. Find out more about Boys and Girls Country at [www.boysandgirlscountry.org](http://www.boysandgirlscountry.org).

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