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Hockley, TX, --- For forty six years, the mission of Boys and Girls Country has remained—to change the lives of children from families in crisis by loving and nurturing them in a Christian home environment, raising them to become self-sustaining and contributing adults. Our vision is that every child has a place to group up and a sense of being home. Children live on campus in cottages with trained teaching parents and attend public schools (Waller Independent School District).

Boys and Girls Country provides a home and family to 88 children, ages 5-18, who have come to us from circumstances which limit their ability to succeed. In addition to staying true to the Christian mission, our families “do life” together. “Our home is just like most homes,” shares Vincent Duran, Executive Director. “Our families attend church, do homework, prepare meals, and do chores together. Like all families, we have our struggles, but we do that together too.”

“Boys and Girls Country goes the distance with our kids,” shared Board Chair Randy Hale. “Unlike other group living programs, our kids never age out of our program.” In 1997, the College and Career program was established, giving Boys and Girls Country the capacity to support our high school graduates until they are independent adults. Whether they attend college, trade school, serve in the military, or begin a first job, they have a home and the support of family.

In 2016, Boys and Girls Country celebrated 45 years of providing a home for children whose families are in crisis. When children come to live at Boys and Girls Country, they have many needs, including a home, food, medical care, clothing, around the clock staff called Teaching Parents, and after school tutoring and counseling.

Boys and Girls Country does not rely on government funding and is not a United Way member agency. “It costs about \$150 per day to raise one child on our campus,” stated Duran. “The investment our donors and volunteers make in these kids’ lives is immeasurable, and we are grateful for every gift.”