



Radio Systems® Corporation Donates \$20,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley

Grant will support YouthForce program to provide teens with skills needed for career success

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (August 9, 2016) – Radio Systems® Corporation (RSC), an industry leader in the development of innovative pet behavioral, containment and lifestyle products through its [PetSafe® Brand](#), [Invisible Fence® Brand](#) and [SportDOG® Brand](#), has donated \$20,000 to [Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley](#) to support the organization's new YouthForce Program, which will provide teens with the essential skills for workforce success.

"With 60% of jobs requiring some type of job training beyond high school, and the teen unemployment rate currently at 15%, programs that teach teens job and workforce readiness skills are crucial," said Bart McFadden, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley. "We are extremely grateful for the generous grant from Radio Systems Corporation to help us achieve our goal of preparing teens for career success while also providing local companies with the skilled workforce they need to succeed."

The YouthForce Program consists of three key components, including **YouthForce University**, which teaches teens how to apply for, obtain and maintain a job; **Technical Training Program**, where teens will receive training and learn specific job skills related to their area of interest; and **Job-Ready and Career-Ready Paid Internship/Employment Programs**, where teens seeking summer or seasonal employment to build job skills will complete a "Job-Ready" internship, while teens looking to explore various career paths will complete a "Career-Ready" internship at various partner agencies.

"Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley does such incredible work in advancing youth education in our community," said Wendy Williams, Team Lead of the Philanthropy Committee for Radio Systems. "We're honored to be a part of their mission and help prepare teens to join the workforce while also providing our local companies with the talent they need to support their business."

The RSC grant will be used to provide funds for paid internships and technical training programs, as well as program supplies, transportation and other job-related costs for participants. For more information about Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley or the YouthForce program, please visit <https://bgctnv.org>.

About Radio Systems® Corporation

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need it most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The Clubs serve over 7,900 youth

and teens in grades K-12 with quality programming all summer and after school. There are 18 locations in Knox, Blount, Loudon and North Anderson Counties. Club sites include: 6 school-based Clubs, 6 in traditional settings, 4 in public housing, 1 at Knox County Juvenile Court and 1 church-based Club. Boys & Girls Clubs provide a safe place for kids to learn and have fun while developing healthy relationships with concerned and capable adults. Club programming gives young people the tools they need to achieve academic success, live a healthy lifestyle and develop good character. GREAT FUTURES START HERE. To learn more, please visit www.bgctnv.org, www.facebook.com/bgctnv and www.twitter.com/bgctnv.

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