



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club Honors Greg Parker as 2017 Citizen of the Year**

**PHOTO CAPTION #1:** Parker's President and CEO Greg Parker spoke to more than 200 children at the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club in Savannah, Ga. while being honored as the 2017 Citizen of the Year. Parker was recognized for his generosity through the company's Fueling the Community program.

**PHOTO CAPTION #2:** Parker's President and CEO Greg Parker, left, presented a \$2,500 check to Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Vince DelMonte, Assistant Coordinator of Gang Prevention Kareem Hill, Unit Director Karen Hamilton and Coordinator of Gang Prevention Mike Hamilton (l-r) to support the organization's mission to help Savannah youth become responsible citizens and leaders.

**SAVANNAH, Ga. (Oct. 31, 2017)** – The [Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club](#) recently honored [Parker's](#) President and CEO Greg Parker as the 2017 Citizen of the Year, in recognition of his leadership of the [Fueling the Community](#) charitable giving program at Parker's, which supports education, healthcare and other important issues in the community. Parker was honored at the Boys and Girls Club's annual Fall Jubilee on Oct. 30.

"It is such an honor to be here on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club, which is an incredible resource in the community," Parker said. "Giving back to the community is part of our DNA at Parker's."

In keeping with that commitment to the community, Parker presented the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club with a check for \$2,500 to support the work of this Savannah community center, which serves up to 300 children daily, providing a safe place for area

youth to learn and grow. The Boys and Girls Club is dedicated to helping Savannah youth become responsibility leaders and citizens.

"I think it's important for business leaders to give back," Parker said. "Education is the tide that floats all ships, so by helping young people, we are helping making our community stronger better more economically viable and safer."

At the Fall Jubilee, the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club also honored Jennifer Highland as the Volunteer of the Year and Josiah Green as the Youth of the Month.

In addition to delivering exceptional products and state-of-the-art services, Parker's is considered an industry leader for its [Fueling the Community program](#). On the first Wednesday of each month, Parkers donates one cent from the sale of every gallon of gas sold across all Parker's locations to schools across Georgia and South Carolina, and to local medical centers, including the Parker's Emergency and Trauma Center at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah.

Founded in 1976, Parker's has been ranked on Inc.'s elite list of the top 5,000 fastest-growing private companies in the U.S. for four consecutive years. Company President and CEO Greg Parker has been honored by *Convenience Store News* as the Tech Executive of the Year and by the Savannah Chamber of Commerce as the Entrepreneur of the Year. Parker's currently operates 49 convenience stores across the region and employs nearly 1,000 individuals throughout Georgia and South Carolina.

#### **ABOUT PARKER'S:**

[Parker's](#) is dedicated to a superior customer experience and operates 49 convenience stores throughout southeast Georgia and South Carolina. Headquartered in Savannah, Ga., Parker's has a commitment to exceeding customer expectations and has been recognized as one of the nation's pre-eminent convenience store and gourmet deli operators. The company's PumpPal loyalty program, which includes more than 140,000 members, has saved Parker's customers more than \$9 million. Parker's also gives back to every community where stores are located through the Fueling the Community Program, which donates a portion of the profit of every gallon of gas sold on the first Wednesday of the month to area schools. In addition, the company endowed the Parker's Emergency and Trauma Center at Memorial Hospital in Savannah, donates gas cards to benefit cancer patients, spearheads an Anti-Litter Campaign in Savannah and serves as the presenting sponsor for Picnic in the Park, a free outdoor concert held in Savannah every October. For more information about Parker's, visit [www.parkersav.com](http://www.parkersav.com).

#### **ABOUT THE FRANK CALLEN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB:**

Originally founded in 1917, the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club works to help Savannah youth of all backgrounds develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. The Club has full-time, trained youth development professionals, providing positive role models and mentors. For more information about the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club, visit [www.bgcsavannah.org](http://www.bgcsavannah.org).