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### **Parker's Donates \$8,000 to Effingham County Schools Through Fueling the Community Program**

**PHOTO CAPTION:** Parker's Director of Fuel Management Jeff Bush, left, recently presented a \$8,000 Fueling the Community check to Charlotte Connelly, principal of Guyton Elementary School. Pre-K students and teachers helped to accept the check on behalf of Effingham County Schools. The Parker's Fueling the Community program donates a portion of the sale of every gallon of gas on the first Wednesday of each month to area schools.

**SAVANNAH, Ga. (May 18, 2016)** – [Parker's](#), an award-winning convenience store leader, recently donated \$8,000 to Effingham County Public Schools through the company's popular Fueling the Community program. The check donation took place at a special ceremony during the annual Field Day celebration at Guyton Elementary School in Guyton, Ga. on May 6.

Jeff Bush, Director of Fuel Management at Parker's, presented the check to Guyton Elementary School principal Charlotte Connelly as well as Pre-K students and teachers, who accepted the check on behalf of the school system. This donation is part of more than \$100,000 Parker's has donated to local public and private schools throughout the 2015-2016 academic year.

"We understand the value education brings to the community in Effingham County," said Jeff Bush, Director of Fuel Management at Parker's. "On behalf of everyone at Parker's, we are delighted to present a check to support teachers throughout Effingham County Schools. We are grateful for their commitment to educating the next generation."

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 and recently earned the Regional Economic Impact Award from the Bluffton Chamber of Commerce. 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 operates 44 convenience stores across the region and employs 625 individuals throughout Georgia and South Carolina. The company, which completes more than 100,000 transactions daily and has 110,000 PumpPal members, is currently celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

[Parker's](http://www.parkersav.com) is dedicated to a superior customer experience and operates 44 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 110,000 members, has saved Parker's customers more than \$7 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).

#### **RECENT AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:**

- Best Convenience Store - *Savannah Morning News* Readers' Choice Awards
- Best Convenience Store - *Savannah Magazine* Best of Savannah Awards
- Best Convenience Store - *Statesboro Herald* "Best in the 'Boro" Awards
- Best Convenience Store - Bryan County Now "Best of Bryan" Awards
- Regional Economic Impact Award - Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce
- Best Convenience Store - *Island Packet*
- Most Fab Convenience Store - *Effingham Herald*
- Keep Liberty Beautiful Award - *Coastal Courier*

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