



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Parker's Donates \$2,000 to Evans County Schools at Ribbon Cutting for New Convenience Store in Claxton, Ga.**

**PHOTO CAPTION: Parker's President and CEO Greg Parker, second from right, recently presented a check for \$2,000 to Evans County schools as part of the company's Fueling the Community program, which donates a portion of the sale of every gallon of gas on the first Wednesday of each month to area schools.**

**SAVANNAH, Ga. (February 26, 2016)** – [Parker's](#), an award-winning convenience store leader, recently donated \$2,000 to Evans County schools at the ribbon cutting for the company's new drive-thru retail location in Claxton, Ga. The store, which is located on Hwy. 301 at 3 N. Duval St., celebrated its official grand opening on Feb. 19 at a ceremony attended by more than a dozen local dignitaries.

“At Parker's we believe in giving back to every community where we do business,” said Greg Parker, company president and CEO. “We understand that education opens doors and provides opportunities in Evans County. We're deeply honored to support schools and strengthen communities through our Fueling the Community Program.”

Parker's donates a portion of the proceeds from every gallon of gas purchased at all 43 of its convenience stores on the first Wednesday of each month to community schools through the Fueling the Community program. The company's charitable initiative officially launched in the fall of 2011 and donates more than \$100,000 each year to public and private schools throughout Georgia and South Carolina.

Customers can sign up for a PumpPal card online at [www.PumpPalClub.com](http://www.PumpPalClub.com) to select a school of their choice. Existing PumpPal members can access their account online and choose a specific school to receive donations.

The new Claxton location is the 43rd Parker's convenience store and the first to offer drive-thru food service. The store features a hot deli serving breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Additional highlights include high-quality Parker's gas, fountain drinks, freshly brewed tea and lemonade, gourmet coffee, locally grown fruit, salads, 28-degree beer, vape products, cell phone accessories and much more. Everything in the store, except lottery tickets, is available at the drive-thru window.

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 currently operates 43 convenience stores across the region and employs nearly 500 individuals throughout Georgia and South Carolina. The company, which completes more than 80,000 transactions daily, is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016.

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

[Parker's](#) is dedicated to a superior customer experience and operates 43 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 the nation's pre-eminent convenience store and gourmet deli operator. The company 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. The company also 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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