

Billionaire MacKenzie Scott makes \$5M donation toward new Boys & Girls Clubs facility



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Billionaire [MacKenzie Scott](#), one of the wealthiest women in the world, made a \$4.8 million donation toward a new facility for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade.

The nonprofit, which serves predominately African-American children from lower-income families, said the donation will help replace its 69-year-old Northwest Club community center at 10915 N.W. 14th Ave. The new facility would total 25,000 square feet and include a learning center, a STEM/computer lab, a teen center and recreational areas. The fields and the gym would also be refurbished.

The Boys & Girls Club said the \$13 million project would break ground in 2023. The aim of the program is to help children prepare for educational success and good jobs.

"We are incredibly grateful and humbled by [MacKenzie Scott](#)'s generosity to select us for such a transformational gift to support great futures for our area youth," said [Alex Rodriguez-Roig](#), president of Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade. "The Club's positive programs are very important to keeping our youth members engaged in a healthy, safe, productive, and enjoyable environment."



A new Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade facility planned at 10915 N.W. 14 Avenue.
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An author and philanthropist, Scott is the ex-wife of Amazon.com founder [Jeff Bezos](#), who grew up in Miami-Dade County. She joined the Giving Pledge in 2019 and has given billions of dollars to nonprofit organizations, including [major donations to South Florida universities](#) in 2021.

The new gift was part of \$281 million that Scott donated to numerous Boys & Girls Clubs across the country. That was the largest gift in the history of the organization.