

Boys and Girls Club of Louisiana awarded \$182,425

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The Monroe Chamber of Commerce and the St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce presented a \$182,425-check to officials from the Boys and Girls Club of Louisiana earlier this week.

The check was awarded to the Boys and Girls Club of Louisiana on April 22 after this year's Congressional Update Luncheon, which featured U.S. Sen. John Kennedy. The event was hosted at Bayou Pointe Event Center at the University of Louisiana Monroe.

According to Roy Heatherly, president and chief executive officer of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, the funds donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Louisiana were raised in January at the annual Economic Development Luncheon, which is held during Washington Mardi Gras.

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce and the St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce co-hosted the Economic Development Luncheon in conjunction with the 17th Washington Mardi Gras, after being chosen as co-hosts by Kennedy himself. There were 870 people who attended the luncheon, Heatherly noted.



As chair of Washington Mardi Gras, Kennedy selected the Boys and Girls Club of Louisiana as his charity. The \$182,425-donation was a record amount to be raised during the Economic Development Luncheon, according to Heatherly.

Lacey Osborne, president and chief executive officer of the St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce, said 2024’s Economic Development Luncheon was the first time two chambers hosted the event, and that the chambers upgraded the event.

2024 Buick Enclave Premium Group

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2023 Buick Envision...

\$33,104

2024 Gmc Hummer...

\$101,315

2024 Buick Enclave...

\$51,175

“We made a lot of changes to the event and we were able to see about 200 more people than any previous year,” Osborne said. “It was a great experience.”

“We were very happy to hear that Sen. Kennedy had chosen the Boys and Girls Club because it’s workforce development, it’s our future,” Osborne added.

