



## ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATOR JOSEPH C. LORIGO

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# Legislator Lorigo announces Boys and Girls Clubs to receive \$25,000

**(ELMA/AURORA/HOLLAND, NY)** – Erie County Legislator Joseph C. Lorigo announces that the Elma, Marilla, Wales (EMW) Boys and Girls Club, the East Aurora Boys and Girls Club, and the Boys & Girls Club of Holland will receive program funding in the 2018 Erie County budget. The Legislature approved a total of \$25,000 at the Dec. 7, 2017 annual budget meeting to support the club’s mission of providing quality development services to the towns’ young people.

“These Boys and Girls Clubs are a valuable part of our communities, and provide a tremendous amount of support for our young people and families. I have secured funding for the past several years for the clubs in my district and am always impressed with the programming developed as a result. When we invest in organizations like the Boys and Girls Clubs, we see great results,” said Legislator Lorigo.

“We are so grateful to Legislator Lorigo for his continued support to further grow our mission. This funding helps us develop the programs and tools to sustain our work into the future, for the benefit of the children in our community,” said Tracey Karp Theal, Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Elma, Marilla.

“The Boys and Girls Club of East Aurora cannot thank the County Legislature and Legislator Joe Lorigo enough for their continued support of the youth members who need us the most. While we live in a wonderful East Aurora community, our youth still face numerous challenges and the pressure of growing up into a productive, caring and contributing citizen. We could not help our youth meet these challenges without the generous support that we receive from Erie County. This year’s funding will be used to enhance the job ready skills for our club members and further prepare them for the workforce. Thank you Legislator Lorigo for being a ‘Difference Maker,’” said Gary Schutrum, Director of the East Aurora Boys & Girls Club.

“The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Holland is to inspire and empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. The support we have received from the Erie County Legislature has greatly enhanced our ability to work towards that mission. Clubs provide life-changing character building programs during critical after school hours, when many of our children would go home to an empty house due to a majority of single parent and dual-working family situations,” said Brian Tavernier, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Holland.

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The additional funding was added into the 2018 budget while also decreasing the property tax rate for the fourth consecutive year.

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