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Dear Friend of Jelleff Boys & Girls Club,

This is an urgent appeal, please read this entire message.

We need to bring to your attention that the 1,500 Club kids who come to the Club over 31,000 times a year will **NOT** have a place to go after school or during the summer. After 70 years of service to area youth, this is tragic for those that call the Jelleff Boys & Girls Club their second home.

We need your help - URGENTLY!

Although previously supportive of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington (BGCGW), the District of Columbia's City Council and the Office of the Mayor are currently under the false presumption that there is no longer a need to fund Jelleff in 2024 because the facility will be "offline" for renovations.

While Jelleff is undergoing much-needed renovations, the budget allotment is critical to secure a temporary facility for the kids to go while Jelleff is not accessible.

BGCGW was informed last week that funding for Jelleff was not included in the FY2025 Department of Recreation budget. The end of this operational funding means that BGCGW would not have the funding to continue operating at Jelleff beginning on October 15th 2024.

It is imperative that we convince the City Council and the Office of the Mayor to restore funding for the Jelleff Club.

Here's how you can help – make a call, send an email ASAP!

Please contact your elected official and demand that the city restore funding for Jelleff immediately so that we can secure a safe place for our kids while the new facility is being built. **Contact:**

City Council Chairman, Phil Mendelson:

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Not sure what to write or say when you call? It's simple...

*"I am reaching out to implore that the City Council and the Office of the Mayor **restore funding for the Jelleff Boys & Girls Club in Georgetown.** Even while the Club is being renovated, those 1,500 kids need a safe and supportive place to go after school and during the summer. Disrupting the lives of our kids will only destabilize those families and require interventions that the city will ultimately have to pay for. Let's get ahead of that. **Restore the funding for Jelleff today** – it's good for Georgetown and it's good for D.C.!"*

In closing, the Jelleff Boys & Girls Club has given to so many. With your help, we can continue that legacy. **Please call or send an email and make a difference TODAY! There is no time to waste.**

#ForOurKids!

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