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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS CREATES WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Kimberly Colgate Named Committee Chair

SARASOTA, Fla. – January 8, 2007 – To further the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs and to help the organization reach new heights, Veronica Miller, vice president of Resource Development, announces the creation of the Women's Leadership Council.

The Women's Leadership Council will be comprised of outstanding women in the community who, through their influence or activity, can further the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs and increase awareness and programs in Creative Arts, Etiquette & Manners, and Career Preparation. Attorney Kimberly Colgate has agreed to serve as the Council's first chairperson.

"There is nothing better than making a difference in the life of a child. The Council will consist of exceptional women from diverse backgrounds that have a sincere interest in helping the Clubs, either by volunteering time to work with or teach the youth in a specialized program or to financially support and serve as ambassadors of the Clubs," states Miller.

The Women's Leadership Council will help create programs for the Clubs in the following areas:

- 1.) Creative Arts: From painting to ballroom dancing, the arts help inspire and challenge a child.
- 2.) Etiquette & Manners: In addition to studying the arts, etiquette and manners are prime essentials in the development stages of any youth. Council members will work with Club members to help them build confidence in their social skills, enhance their communication skills and respecting others.

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3.) Career Preparation: An essential part of ensuring that disadvantage youth have more opportunities in their future is by helping them know how to write a resume, how to fill out a job application, what to do in an interview, etc.

Says Mack Reid, president/CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, “These programs will support our youth in their intellectual, personal and social development. They can be particularly beneficial for our youth from economically disadvantaged circumstances and those who do not have an adult at home to teach them the basics.”

In addition, the Women’s Leadership Council will create events to help raise necessary funds to expand the programs, such as an Art Show and Silent Auction (of the students work), Tea Parties, and possibly a Ballroom Dance Competition.

For more information on the Women’s Leadership Council, please contact Veronica Miller at 366-3911 ext. 126.

The Boys Club of Sarasota opened its Fruitville Road facility in 1970 with a first-day membership of 2,000 youngsters. In 1992, the organization broadened its reach and changed its name to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County. Now, with three full-service clubs — the Lee Wetherington Boys & Girls Club on Fruitville Road, Roy McBean Boys & Girls Club in Newtown and Gene Matthews Boys & Girls Club in North Port — and six in-school programs, this progressive group provides educational, social and sports activities for 6,200 young people each year. Visit www.boysandgirlsclubs.com.

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