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**THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SARASOTA COUNTY RECEIVES NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR AWARD
FROM THE GREATER SARASOTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR 2009**

Sarasota, Fla. (June 4, 2009) — Recognizing that in any economic environment philanthropists want to feel confident that their donations are being managed in a proper and effective manner, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County strive for business excellence and organizational efficiency. These efforts have most recently been acknowledged in our community by the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce who awarded the BGCSC the 2009 Non-Profit of the Year Award. The Non-Profit of the Year award is part of the GSCC's annual Frank G. Berlin Sr. Small Business Awards, a program of the Chamber's Small Business Council.

As a donor, what's the pay off? Year after year, your kind donations are utilized by a team of caring, seasoned professionals. This means that not only does BGCSC President and CEO, Mack Reid, with a discerning mind, make your donations "all about our kids," he also is armored with an astute staff who provides ongoing relationships, hope and opportunity, and a safe and structured environment in which our members will learn and grow.

On a national level, The Boys & Girls Clubs of America 's efficient use of financial resources has won recognition from *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, who ranked BGCA as the number one youth nonprofit organization for 12 consecutive years. *Forbes*, *Fortune*, *Money*, *Newsweek*, and *U.S. News and World Report* have all ranked B&GCA among the top charitable organizations in America, based on cost-effective use of donor dollars. *Smart Money* magazine ranked B&GCA as one of the two top children's charities, and among the top ten of all nonprofit organizations, based on financial efficiency, strength of reputation, and program effectiveness. The Non-Profit of the Year award is part of the GSCC's annual Frank G. Berlin Sr. Small Business Awards, a program of the Chamber's Small Business Council. "The Chamber instituted this award a few years ago in recognition of the outstanding work that many non-profit organizations do in our great community. This recognition for the Boys & Girls Club is symbolic, not only of the important role the organization plays in greater Sarasota, but of the solid and exemplary business practices utilized. Hats off to the leadership, both staff and volunteer!" exclaims Vicki Vega, Vice President of Small Business Development & Innovation at the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce.

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County have played an integral role in the Sarasota County community for more than 39 years, providing daily programs and services to more than 8,000 young people. The Mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County is to enable all young people, especially those that need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.