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## News Release

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### **Boys & Girls Club Dream Makers Ball Committee Announces 2011 Dream Maker**

**SARASOTA, FLA.** (October 11, 2011) –With a name and reputation as distinguished as Wells Purmort, who has fought Polio for more than 55 years, graduated as class President from Capital University in Columbus OH, has received honors and recognition since 1966 from Jaycees locally and nationally and was founding vice president of the “Boys Club, Sarasota” in 1970, the now Boys AND Girls Clubs organization respectfully announces Purmort as the 2011 Dream Maker. He will headline the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County’s Dream Makers Ball on Nov. 19, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency, Sarasota. The theme of this year’s gala is “South Beach”—complete with a trendy DeeJay, Latin entertainment including a band and dancers, a contemporary art exhibit coordinated by Ringling College of Art and Design and a hip After-party featuring a sophisticated fashion show. The main formal dinner affair will be stunningly tailored to the Boys & Girls Clubs’ devoted donors; however, the after-party, beginning at 10:00 P.M., will be an extension of the South Beach-style atmosphere and cater to a younger demographic.

Wells Purmort was born in Ft. Wayne Indiana and in his sophomore year in high school was diagnosed with polio. He spent nine months in the hospital and eight more at home in a wheel chair. However, this did not stop his will to be successful. He was active in many organizations in college and graduated as President of his class. He moved with his family to Sarasota, FL, and in 1957, started Purmort & Martin Insurance Agency, where he continues to work today.

Purmort has served on several boards as a member and in officer positions. He was State President of the Florida Jaycees and President of various Insurance industry associations. He has been honored many times by the Jaycees, Insurance Industry Associations, Capital University, Sarasota Downtown Association and Sister Cities International.

Wells is currently a member of the Downtown Kiwanis and serves as Chairman of the Pines of Sarasota Corporate Board. He and his wife, Marsha have a daughter, Amy, and two sons, Matt who is serving as an Anglican Priest, and Jamie who is the current Chair of the Boys & Girls Clubs Corporate Council and is fifth generation Purmort at Purmort & Martin Insurance.

Bill Sadlo, President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County says, “Wells Purmort is a role model for members of the Boys & Girls Clubs, and we are honored to have him be our 2012 Dream Maker.” He continued to express that “the Dream Makers Ball committee is placing great emphasis on catering to our steadfast donors during our 2012 event with impressive entertainment and a short, effective program.”

For more information about Dream Makers Ball, visit [www.dreammakersball.com](http://www.dreammakersball.com) or email Fran Levinson at [frlevinson@boysandgirlsclubs.com](mailto:frlevinson@boysandgirlsclubs.com). You may also call BGCSA directly at (941) 366-3911, ext. 126.

***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 41 years, providing daily programs and services to thousands of young people. The Mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The vision is to provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who walks through our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.*