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Pembroke Girl Wins National Microsoft Holiday Greeting Card Contest

*Pembroke Boys and Girls Club Receives \$1,000
Winner Receives Desktop Computer*

Mississauga, ON, December 3, 2002 – Fifteen-year-old Kimberlee Gibeault from Pembroke, Ontario is this year's winner of Microsoft Canada Co.'s Holiday Greeting Card contest. Based on the 'Believe in Your Dreams' theme, Kimberlee's card was chosen from over 500 entries by Boys and Girls Club members from across the country. The artwork will appear on more than 10,000 holiday greeting cards. Microsoft Canada made the announcement today at the Pembroke Boys and Girls Club.

"Kimberlee's entry not only demonstrates her artistic flair, it also clearly captures the spirit of the theme 'Believe in Your Dreams'," said Christine Laham, Regional Field Marketing Specialist, Microsoft Canada. "We know that our partners and customers across the country will appreciate her creativity and design. We hope that Kimberlee receives as much joy from her new computer as her card will bring to those who receive it."

Microsoft Canada presented Kimberlee with a Compaq Multimedia Desktop Computer complete with a DVD CD-ROM and loaded with Microsoft® software including Windows XP and games. Microsoft also awarded the Pembroke Boys and Girls Club a cheque for \$1,000.

"We are all very proud of Kimberlee," said Catherine Raso, Executive Director, Pembroke Boys and Girls Club. "Kimberlee is a kind and caring young lady and an excellent friend to her fellow Club members. Kim has shared her passion for the arts over the last couple of years by volunteering in after school programs at the Club, assisting kids with arts and crafts."

"I had a lot of fun participating in Microsoft's greeting card contest," said Kimberlee. "I couldn't believe that I won, I'm really happy for the Club and I know I'm going to enjoy having a brand new computer at home!"

This is the sixth year for the greeting card contest. Microsoft Canada works with Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada in communities across the country by providing programs designed to empower a generation of children and youth.

About Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada

Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada is one of this country's leading youth-serving organizations with over 100 community-based clubs all dedicated to providing quality programs and services that promote the healthy growth and development of Canada's young people. Member Clubs currently provide over 140,000 children and youth with recreational,

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educational and social programs that enhance skill and character development, in response to the unique needs of each community.

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