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Media Release

Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada honours Kiwanis Clubs in Canada with National Builder Award for its outstanding legacy of support

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Markham, ON, May 28, 2008) Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada (BGCC) has awarded the Kiwanis Clubs in Canada with the BGCC National Builder Award. The Award was presented on Saturday, May 24, 2008 at Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada National Conference 2008 – Champions: Out in Front for Children and Youth, which took place in Hamilton, Ontario from May 21 to 24.

Established by BGCC in 2000, this rarely given award recognizes individuals or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the growth and enrichment of the Boys and Girls Clubs movement over its 107-year history.

For more than 60 years, Kiwanis Clubs have been a significant cornerstone in helping to shape and strengthen communities by supporting Boys and Girls Clubs across Canada, and have played an important role in advancing the Boys and Girls Clubs movement to enable young people to achieve their potential.

Through their volunteer efforts, Kiwanis Clubs have helped raise operational and program funds for many Boys and Girls Clubs that would otherwise be difficult to obtain. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Hamilton, for example, built a new facility for the Boys and Girls Club in Hamilton in 1961 and paid for it in full before it opened. For nearly 20 years, the Kiwanis Club of Winnipeg has made countless donations of capital grants to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg to assist with renovations, vehicle purchases and equipment. As well, Kiwanis Clubs have been consistent supporters of Boys and Girls Clubs in rural communities, helping them serve young people in their care.

“As a valued community service partner, Kiwanis Clubs have helped more than 20 Boys and Girls Clubs thrive and grow by providing financial support and leadership,” said Pam Jolliffe, President and CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada “They have worked tirelessly at making communities better places to live, and thanks to their support, thousands of Boys and Girls Clubs children and youth have benefited over the years. I can’t think of a more deserving organization to receive this award.”

“We are honoured to receive this award from an organization that we have worked so closely with for many years,” said Chuck McIlravey, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District Governor. “We are proud to be associated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada and all the work they do to improve and enhance the well-being of children, families and communities across the country.”

About Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada

Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada is a leading provider of programs that support the healthy physical, educational and social development of more than 200,000 children, youth and their families each year. In 700 community locations across Canada, clubs offer after-school programs in physical recreation, technology, the arts, personal growth and more. Many clubs also provide meals, emergency shelter, family support programs and other supports to children and youth at risk. Boys and Girls Clubs have been helping

young Canadians to discover, develop and achieve their potential for over 100 years. To learn more, visit www.bgccan.com.

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