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Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **55 Outstanding Boys and Girls Club Youth from across Canada Chosen to Receive Post-Secondary “Future Leaders” Scholarships**

*National scholarship program supported by Future Shop for fourth consecutive year.*

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (June 8, 2004)** – Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada (BGCC) is pleased to announce the selection of 55 Boys and Girls Club youth from across Canada to receive post-secondary scholarships for the 2004/05 school term through the “Future Leaders Scholarships” program. This is the fourth consecutive year these scholarships have been offered to Boys and Girls Club youth through a partnership with Future Shop, bringing the number of youth to benefit from the scholarship program to over 200.

This year’s recipients were announced on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Ontario annual general meeting in Scarborough. As in past years, recipients were chosen for demonstrating an inspiring commitment to their education and exceptional dedication to their local Boys and Girls Club, as well as financial need.

One of the recipients, nineteen-year-old Hassan Hassan, a seven-year member of the Eastview (Toronto) Boys and Girls Club studying Computer Science at Seneca College, commented on what this scholarship means to his future. “This scholarship means a lot to me! I would have had difficulty paying for my books and tuition and would have had to take out loans. Now I’ll only have to work part-time while at school and I’m also getting a computer, which I need for my studies.”

Each scholarship is valued at \$3,000 and includes either \$2,000 or \$2,500 toward tuition at the post-secondary institution of the youth’s choice for the September 2004 term and either \$1,000 or \$500 worth of Future Shop merchandise to assist with their studies.

“Many of our youth have experienced incredible hardships and would simply not be able to afford to go to college or university if not for these scholarships,” said Pam Jolliffe, National Executive Director, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada. “Future Shop’s Future Leaders Scholarships are providing some very dedicated, bright individuals with an invaluable opportunity to achieve their dreams in life.”

This partnership makes Future Shop the largest private sector sponsor of Boys and Girls Club scholarships in Canada and brings Future Shop’s cumulative investment in Canadian youth through the Future Leaders Scholarship program to \$660,000.

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“Through our support of the Future Leaders program, Future Shop is providing Canadian youth with access to education and resources that will enable them to become tomorrow’s leaders,” remarked Kevin Layden, President and COO of Future Shop. “We are extremely proud of the tremendous difference these scholarships are making to young people’s lives.”

Scholarship presentations will take place throughout the summer at Boys and Girls Clubs and Future Shop stores in communities across the country.

## **The Future Leaders - Class of 2004:**

### ***British Columbia***

Christine Arnold - Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver - Kivan  
Ervin Canlapan - Boys and Girls Club of Delta - Hillside  
James Coccola - Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Victoria - Central Saanich  
Manpreet Deol - Okanagan Boys and Girls Club - Summerland  
Rachael Grant - Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver - Mountainview  
Alex Lemon - Boys and girls Clubs of Greater Victoria  
Andrew van Ochten - Boys and Girls Club of Delta - Wintemute  
Matthew Rogers - Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver - Odyssey II  
James Stanton - Okanagan Boys and Girls Club - Rutland

### ***Alberta***

Amy Blanchette - Fort McMurray Boys and Girls Club  
Cortnee Brunet - Boys and Girls Club of Leduc  
Leah Erickson - Airdrie Boys and Girls Club  
Patricia Gislason - Boys and Girls Club of Red Deer and District  
Heather Huestis - Boys and Girls Clubs of Edmonton  
Colter Long - Stettler Boys and Girls Club  
Michael Luu - Boys and Girls Club Community Services - Forest Lawn  
Chad Mikkelsen - Diamond Valley and District Boys and Girls Club  
Adrienne Shepherd - Stettler Boys and Girls Club

### ***Manitoba***

Amaal Shahin - Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club - Victor Mager  
Lucy Labongo - Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club - Victor Mager  
Alma Omeragic - Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club - Victor Mager  
Igor Juric - Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club - Victor Mager

### ***Ontario***

Mohamed Abdi - Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa  
Natasha Bogle - St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club  
Ryan Boodhai - Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Clubs  
Tabatha Clark - St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club  
Joseph Coleman - Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club  
Karrie Currell - Boy and Girls Club of Peel  
Hassan Hassan - Eastview (Toronto) Boys and Girls Club  
Andre Moura - West Scarborough Boys and Girls Club  
Joshua Norwich - Pembroke Boys and Girls Club

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**Ontario cont'd.**

Yosef Saraka - Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa  
John Sheppard - Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club  
Kamil Szczepkowski - Boys and Girls Club of London  
Kristy Van Beek - City of Kawartha Lakes Boys and Girls Club  
Latoya Webley - East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club

**Quebec**

Patrick Beaudoin-McGovern - Dawson Boys and Girls Club  
Kemani Brown - Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle  
Steven Crompton - Dawson Boys and Girls Club  
Erin Gearey - Dawson Boys and Girls Club  
Neeraj Patel - Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle

**New Brunswick**

Reba Carroll - Miramichi Boys and Girls Club  
Nicholas Forster - Charlotte County Boys and Girls Club  
Stacey Richard - Moncton Boys and Girls Club  
Amanda Shea - Saint John Boys and Girls Club

**Nova Scotia**

Melina Colley - Preston Area Boys and Girls Club  
Stephanie Lannigan - Cole Harbour Boys and Girls Club  
Jermaine Penney - Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club  
Nicole Sneath - East Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club

**Prince Edward Island**

Marcel Gallant - Wellington Boys and Girls Club  
Lindsay Rogers - Summerside Boys and Girls Club

**Newfoundland**

Kevin Peckford - James Hornell Boys and Girls Club  
Vickilyn Chippett - Botwood Boys and Girls Club  
Lori Pittman - James Hornell Boys and Girls Club  
Ryan Peyton - Norris Arm Boys and Girls Club

**About Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada**

Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada is one of the country's leading national youth organizations. Established over a century ago, the organization's national network of 101 community-based clubs help young people reach their full potential, by providing them with quality recreational, educational and social programs that foster self-esteem, build skills and develop character. Clubs offer services to 150,000 children and youth. To learn more, visit [www.bgccan.com](http://www.bgccan.com).

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