



Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada
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MEDIA RELEASE

Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada elects Scott Marshall as Chair of National Board of Directors

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: *(Markham – Thursday, June 22, 2006)* - Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada (BGCC) is pleased to announce the election of Scott Marshall of Toronto, Ontario as the new Chair of the organization's National Board of Directors, effective June 3, 2006. He replaces Sandra Palmaro, Vice-President, Public Sector and Education, Microsoft Canada, who will continue to serve on the BGCC National Board as Past Chair.

"We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Marshall as our National Board Chair," said Pam Jolliffe, President and CEO, BGCC. "He has been instrumental over the past five years in helping to strengthen and move our organization forward, so that we can provide recreational, developmental and social services to more children and youth who need us nationwide."

Mr. Marshall became a director of the BGCC National Board of Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada in 2001 and has since provided dedicated volunteer support to the governance of Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada. He has actively participated in strategic planning initiatives and was responsible for initiating the development of an Interactive Fundraising Guide to support member clubs in their fund development efforts across Canada. He currently serves as Chair of the Board's Growth Committee to spur new club development in underserved communities.

In addition to his work with Boys and Girls Clubs, Mr. Marshall is Vice-president of the W.P. Scott Foundation. He has also been an active fundraiser as a Trustee of the Belleville General Hospital, as well as serving as a Trustee of the Country Day School. He has also been President of the St. Andrew's College Alumni Association.

Mr. Marshall comes from a long line of Sears Canada executives who have volunteered their service to Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada over the past 40 years. Mr. Marshall worked at Sears Canada for 32 years, rising through the corporate ranks to become Senior Vice-President and Operations Officer at Sears before retiring in 2005.

"I think Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada is a fantastic organization. It does essential work providing Canadian children and youth with opportunity, skills and caring adult role models to help them build the confidence they need to reach their potential in life," said Mr. Marshall. "I'm proud to be working along side more than 3,000 dedicated Boys and Girls Club volunteers and staff nationwide and look forward to offering my leadership in assisting our network of Clubs in close to 700 community locations across Canada to embrace the challenges and tremendous opportunities ahead of us".

Also newly elected to serve on the National Board are Ilka Bene, Manager, Human Resources, Island Savings Credit Union in Duncan, BC; David Hodgins, C.E.M., Fire Commissioner and Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Victoria, British Columbia; and David Merkley, Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, Sears Canada, from Toronto, Ontario, who will act as Treasurer for the organization.

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Existing members of BGCC National Board of Directors:

Past Chair - Sandra Palmaro, Vice-President, Public Sector and Education, Microsoft Canada, Toronto, ON

Vice-Chair - Marlene Deboisbriand, President, Volunteer Canada, Gatineau, QB

Peter Webster, Chair of the BGCC Foundation, Vancouver, BC

Secretary - Amy Bragg, Fall River, NS

Cindy Blackstock, Director of First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada, Ottawa, ON

Sid Frankel, Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

Stuart Graham, Executive Vice-President, Fidelity Retirement Services, Toronto, ON

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 163,000 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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