



Media Release

Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada announces 56 youth recipients of 2008 *Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships* program

Corporate support of national scholarship program vital to opening doors for Club youth

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (MARKHAM, ON, June 24, 2008) Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada and Future Shop are pleased to announce this year's 56 recipients of the **Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarship**. Future Shop also announced that it is enhancing its support to Boys and Girls Club youth in 2008 with a significant 34% increase in the Scholarship amount awarded. The Scholarships will enable these youth to achieve their academic dreams this year and attend the college or university of their choice for the September 2008 school term.

When recipients of the Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarship were announced this month, they learned that the scholarship amount had increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000 to meet the growing costs of tuition. Each scholarship consists of a \$3,500 or \$3,000 cash award payable to the post-secondary institution of the youth's choice and a \$500 or \$1,000 Future Shop gift card to assist with the recipient's studies.

"We recognize the importance of providing continued opportunities for our Future Leaders and by increasing the scholarship amounts we can give Canadian youth the chance to achieve their educational ambitions," said Sue Voigt, Director of Human Resources, Leadership and Communications, Future Shop. "We are proud to be associated with Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada and with helping these very deserving youth to fulfill their potential."

Future Shop has supported the Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships program for eight consecutive years, as a signature element of the many contributions the company has made to Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada in helping today's youth become tomorrow's leaders. Since 2001, 441 post-secondary scholarships have been awarded to Boys and Girls Club youth to assist them with pursuing and accomplishing their academic goals – bringing Future Shop's total investment in youth development through the program to \$1.3 million.

Research shows that education is critical in shaping young people's future prospects. According to a 2005 report by Canadian Policy Research Networks, nearly 250,000 young Canadians 20 to 24 years old did not successfully complete high school and did not pursue further education. Because of a low level of education, they face major life challenges with far-reaching consequences for their future families and society.

For Lisa Green, a Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club member since the age of five, the scholarship she received in 2003 gave her the financial means to attend college. "I was blown away by the Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarship because not only did it pay for my tuition, but I also received a \$1,000 gift certificate for Future Shop. With that \$1,000 gift certificate, I was able to buy a new computer. Without any financial aid, going to college probably wouldn't have been a possibility for me. Without Boys and Girls

Clubs of Canada and sponsors such as Future Shop, I believe many youth would be left in the dark," said Green.

"With the costs of post-secondary education increasing year after year, higher education can be out of reach for many young people. A lack of educational opportunities can often lead to low self-esteem and disappointments in career and life outcomes," said Pam Jolliffe, President and CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada. "These scholarships are a hugely important incentive for our youth in building a solid foundation for a positive future, and we thank Future Shop for its increased support."

Recipients of the Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships are selected based on their outstanding contribution to their Boys and Girls Club and local community, good academic standing and financial need.

Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships – Class of 2008:

British Columbia

Cassy	Desjardins (Miller)	Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs
Dallas	Hale	Boys and Girls Club Community Services of Delta/Richmond
Kathleen	Hernandez	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver
Hunter	Macdonald	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver
Miranda	MacPherson	Cranbrook Boys & Girls Club
Anur	Mehdic	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver
Rahil	Valiani	Boys and Girls Club Community Services of Delta/Richmond
Kate	Wilson	Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Vancouver Island

Alberta

Cody	Frenette	Boys and Girls Club of Red Deer and District
Coralynn	Mailey	Boys and Girls Club of Airdrie
Amelia	Medeiros	Boys and Girls Club of Wainwright and District
Ryan	Murphy	Boys and Girls Club of Red Deer and District
Nadine	Parfett	Fort Saskatchewan Boys and Girls Club
Daniel	Proulx	Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County
Dustin	Rogers	Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary
Caylie	Stone	Boys and Girls Club of Leduc

Manitoba

Krista	Desjarlais	Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg
Chillion	Flett	Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg
Thomas	Gerezghier	Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg
Stephanie	Willemsen	Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg

Saskatchewan

Denai	Wouters	Battlefords Boys and Girls Club
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Ontario

Aziza	Barra	Eastview Boys and Girls Club
Jennifer	Carson	Hamilton East Boys and Girls Club
Adam	Chandler	Boys and Girls Club of Kawartha Lakes
Toyin	Dada	Albion Boys and Girls Club
Antonia	Date	Boys and Girls Club of Peel
Emily	Duncan	Boys and Girls Club of London
Andrew	Gillette	Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough

Brunilda	Gjergji	Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club
Emma	Hughes	Hamilton East Boys and Girls Club
Mackenzie	Jenkins	Boys and Girls Club of Kawartha Lakes
Monica	Kong	Boys and Girls Club of London
Daniel	Murray	St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club
Steven	Nicholls	Boys and Girls Club of Niagara
Dominique	Robinson	Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club
Sabah	Sheikh-Ahmed	Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa

Prince Edward Island

Adam	Casey	Boys and Girls Club of Summerside
Patrick	Gallant	Wellington and Area Boys and Girls Club
Ashely	Praught	Boys and Girls Club of Summerside

Quebec

Ayana	Woodward	Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle
Sarah	Abate	Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle
Akua Awuku	Adinkrah	Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle
Christon	Henry	Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle
Kelsey	Brenie-Sinclair	Dawson Boys and Girls Club
Cynthia	Silvestriadis	Dawson Boys and Girls Club

New Brunswick

Kaitlin	MacDonald	Miramichi Boys and Girls Club
Karl	Harvey	Boys and Girls Club of Grand Manan Island Inc.
Deanna	Baxter	Charlotte County Boys and Girls Club Inc.
Tracy	Stuart	Boys and Girls Club of Saint John Inc.

Newfoundland

Eric	Parsons	Botwood Boys and Girls Club
Courtney	Vokey	Wabana Boys and Girls Club
Jessica	Scurrey	St. John's Boys and Girls Club

Nova Scotia

Courtney	Jobe	Boys and Girls Club of Sackville
Gabrielle	Grant	Boys and Girls Club of Preston
Amanda	Hollis	Boys and Girls Club of Dartmouth
K-Lee	Fraser	Boys and Girls Club of Preston

About Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada

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

About Future Shop

With 133 stores across the country and the nation's premier web store (www.futureshop.ca), Burnaby, BC-based Future Shop is Canada's largest retailer and e-tailer of consumer electronics. The company employs more than 10,000 technology enthusiasts, has enabled its website to deliver unparalleled content about the products it sells and host an online community forum for technology beginners and tech-savvy experts to exchange ideas, reviews, tips and other consumer electronics information (www.futureshopforums.ca). As a proud corporate citizen, Future Shop has developed solutions to recycle used electronics (see www.futureshop.ca/green) and is committed to employee volunteerism and supporting non-profits organizations dedicated to transforming local youth into Future Leaders (see www.futureshop.ca/community).

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