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Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua Given \$500,000 Challenge

Nashua, NH Norm Bouthilette, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua, is pleased to announce the Club's biggest grant opportunity ever. Challenged by The Kresge Foundation to raise \$500,000 in the final phase of the Teen Center and Clubhouse Improvement Project, the Club will receive matched funds of \$500,000 from the Foundation. If the Club meets the challenge, the Kresge grant will conclude fundraising and the Club will have met its capital campaign goal of \$4 million.

"This is a huge opportunity for our Club and for the greater Nashua community and it couldn't have come at a better time," said Bouthilette. "Our board, trustees and supporters have gotten us to the \$3 million mark. Facing \$1 million more to raise is daunting. Kresge has potentially cut that amount in half. We sincerely hope that our community will respond to help us meet this challenge."

"If we can raise \$500,000 in donations and pledges by the end of summer, Kresge will match those dollars—but only if we reach our mark; otherwise, no funds will be received from the Foundation," said Bouthilette. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the Club and for the community to leverage their donations and pledges dollar for dollar in the final phase of Clubhouse improvements. Every donor counts, no gift is too big or too small, and donations are tax deductible."

The Kresge Foundation is a national, private foundation that seeks to influence the quality of life for future generations, by creating access and opportunity in underserved communities, supporting artistic expression, advancing methods for dealing with global climate change and other initiatives. In 2007, the Foundation made 283 grants totaling \$178.5 million, the majority of which were granted to U.S. non-profits. It is rare for NH organizations to receive a Kresge challenge grant.

Kresge Foundation's President and CEO Rip Rapson said, "We applaud the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua's effort to expand services to at-risk children and families. We are pleased to support your capital project." For more information about The Kresge Foundation, please visit www.kresge.org

To help the Boys & Girls Club meet this challenge, please mail your tax deductible donation and/or pledge to Kresge Challenge, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua, 47 Grand Avenue, Nashua, NH 03060. Pledges may be paid over 3 years. To make a donation by credit card, you can donate securely online at www.bgcn.com "How to Help" or phone Denise King at 603-883-0523, x217. Every dollar you donate or pledge will be doubled by Kresge. If you include your email address, the Club will email you challenge updates.

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BGCN Receives Challenge Grant from Kresge Foundation

Demolition for The Teen Center and Clubhouse Improvement Project began in the summer of 2008 after two years of research, design and preparation. The Teen Center opened early April and the remainder of the project is slated to be complete by the fall of 2009. For more information about the project, please contact Leslie Sanderson at 883-0523, ext. 212. Visit www.bgcn.com for challenge progress.

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua annually serves 4,200 boys and girls ages 5 to 18 in locations throughout Nashua, Merrimack and Litchfield. It reaches another 10,000 youngsters in the community. Offering a variety of programs and wholesome activities to build attitudes, skills, values and behaviors that enable youth to succeed in adulthood, the Club's vision is for all children to have a safe place to go after school to develop the best within themselves, and experience the joys of childhood. The Club is staffed with professional, caring adults and is open to all children. Membership is \$15 a year and no child is turned away for inability to pay.

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