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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Club meets challenge and will receive \$500,000 for Clubhouse Improvements**

NASHUA, NH - The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua has qualified for a \$500,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation, Norm Bouthilette, and the CEO of the Boys & Girls Club, announced today. In December, 2008, the Boys & Girls Club had raised \$2.4 million toward a \$4 million capital campaign goal for a Teen Center and Clubhouse improvements. That was when the Kresge Foundation challenged the organization to raise the remaining \$1.1 million dollars by September 30, 2009 to qualify for a half million dollar "challenge" grant.

"We are thrilled to qualify for this grant," said Bouthilette. "Our children deserve the best and our community really made sure that this project and campaign was to be successful. Hundreds of donors came forward to help us throughout the campaign right up to the final hours. It was a \$25,000 grant from the McLean Contributionship, which is affiliated with our local newspaper, the Nashua Telegraph that put us past our goal. We are rejoicing today.

"This project has positioned our organization to be one of the premier youth development facilities in the country and the Boys & Girls Club is extremely proud of our community's efforts," Bouthilette added. "We invite the community to stop by the Club to visit Nashua's state of the art youth development community center."

"I was delighted to give the Club the news on Wednesday," Terry Williams, publisher and president of the Telegraph, said of the gift. "The McLean Contributionship was just one of scores of contributors to the amazing improvements to the facility. Playing a part in that effort was rewarding, to

be sure, but so many people deserve credit.”

The McLean Contributionship, based in Bryn Mawr, PA, is a charitable trust established by the McLean family, owners of The Telegraph.

In total, the Club has raised more than \$4 million dollars to pay for the total renovation of the 35-year-old facility and to increase its endowment. Improvements include the addition of a 10,000-square-foot Teen Center in the lower level for youth ages 13 – 18. The Teen Center has its own entrance, education and computer room, a music recording studio and sound booth, performance stage, cafeteria, lounge areas, and a fitness center. The improvements in the upper level for children ages 8 – 12 include a new dining area, renovated technology and education room and games room, and a new café. Also in the upper level for all members are a dance studio, cultural arts studio, and an auditorium. The “Kids Club,” licensed day care for children ages 5 – 8, has also been totally renovated. The building has had windows, sun tubes and skylights, security and safety features installed and all systems have been modernized and upgraded.

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua annually serves 4,000 boys and girls ages 5 - 18 at locations in Nashua, Merrimack, Litchfield and reaches another 10,000 youngsters in the community with a variety of programs and wholesome activities to build attitudes, skills, values and behaviors that enable youth to succeed in adulthood. Called “*The Positive Place For Kids*,” the Club is staffed with professional, caring adults and is open to all children. Membership is \$25 a year and no child is turned away for inability to pay. To visit the Club, volunteer, request information or donate visit [www.bgcn.com](http://www.bgcn.com) or call Leslie Sanderson, Director of Advancement, at 689-1018, ext 212.