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“BE A HERO FOR KIDS” AUCTION RAISES \$245,020 FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SPOKANE COUNTY

A special performance by the Commodores highlights an evening filled with community generosity

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON (Thursday, February 25) – The Kalispel Tribe of Indians and Northern Quest Resort & Casino once again served as Event Sponsor and host to the 2010 Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane “Be A Hero For Kids” Dinner and Auction held on Friday, February 19th. More than 425 guests attended the annual event which included a live and silent auction as well as a Draw for his and her’s TAG watches provided by Jewelry Design Center. To culminate an amazing evening that raised \$245,020 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County, guests were treated to a special performance by the Commodores.

“This year’s “Be A Hero For Kids” dinner and auction was once again a huge success and a true reflection of the generosity of the Spokane community,” said Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County Executive Director, Ryan Davenport. “The money raised tonight will enable us to expand the programs and services we currently offer our more than 2,400 members as well as provide critical support to the new Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer Boys & Girls Club set to open in Mead this spring.”

With a program designed to celebrate the organization, its community members and outstanding youth achievements, KHQ’s Dave Cotton served as Master of Ceremonies and helped introduce the best of the best. The evening included remarks by Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers as well as Faith Proctor, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County’s recently named Youth of the Year. In addition to these notable guests, David Sykes, Boys & Girls Clubs of America Pacific Region Vice President, made a special appearance to present the National Silver Medallion, one of the highest recognition awards in the organization, to Board member and dedicated volunteer, Denise Stanton for her years of service.

“We are inspired and appreciative of the great work being done at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County,” stated David Sykes, Boys and Girls Club of America Pacific Region Vice President. “The Club’s leadership and ability to continually create a positive and safe place for youth and in turn build a stronger community is a testament to all of the people involved in their success – sponsors, partners, board members, volunteers, friends and staff.”

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The 9th annual Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County Dinner and Auction will be held in February 2011. Details will be posted to the web site as they become available.

About The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County

Since 2001, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County has been a part of a nationwide affiliation of local, autonomous organizations dedicated to helping young people of all backgrounds develop the qualities they need to become responsible citizens and leaders. Founded in the philosophies of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County operates multiple Clubs in order to provide a broad range of programs in five Core Areas: Education and Career Development, Character and Leadership Development, Health and Life Skills, The Arts and Sports, Fitness and Recreation.

Currently serving more than 2,400 area youth between the ages of 6 - 18, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County operates three Clubs year-round from Friday through Monday. For a yearly membership fee of \$10, youth have access to all of the Clubs: Northtown Branch (Open 3pm – 7pm); the Libby Teen Center (Open 4pm – 8pm) and the Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer Mead Branch scheduled to open this spring (Open 3pm – 7pm).

For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane, visit www.bgcspokanecounty.org

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