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DICK HANLIN NAMED NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SPOKANE COUNTY

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON (Tuesday, December 14) – After a comprehensive nation-wide search, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County recently named Northwest native and WSU alum, Dick Hanlin, the new Executive Director of the organization. Mr. Hanlin replaces former Executive Director Ryan Davenport who left recently after leading the organization for the past four years.

A highly successful visionary, Dick brings nearly 25 years of Boys & Girls Club leadership experience to Spokane having previously served as the Executive Director for three Clubs – the Rogue Valley (Grants Pass), Portland and Alaska. A steward for the organization’s mission since 1982, Dick solidified himself as an immediate leader using his talents to advance the operations, financial planning and public relations of each Club in light of unique situations, challenges and internal structure. During his career, Dick has successfully executed multiple Club mergers, managed large scale capital construction and renovations, chartered new Boys & Girls Clubs, exponentially increased operating budget growth, annual giving campaigns and special event/sponsorship revenue and is credited with a strong staff development mentoring plan whereby at least seven of his former employees have become Boys & Girls Club executive directors and at least three have taken their careers to the National level.

Dick’s reputation and experience have also garnered Regional and National attention. His career is highlighted by multiple awards, certification as a BGCA (Boys & Girls Clubs of America) professional, distinction as a Member of the Boys & Girls Clubs Academy and a graduate of the BGCA Management Program. Dick has also served on National committees including the Conference and Human Resources committee as well as the Training and Professional Development Advisory committee.

“We are thrilled to have found someone with Dick’s extensive experience, knowledge and passion for helping kids, especially those most vulnerable,” stated Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County Board President and co-founder Chad Burchard. “This is a critical time in our organization’s history as we are now operating three Clubs and serving more kids than ever before. Based on his impressive background and proven Club successes, we are confident that Dick is the perfect person to not only build on our accomplishments to date, but lead us into our next decade of growth and excellence.”

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“Having run a number of clubs in the Pacific Northwest, I have followed the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County’s achievements for some time and have been impressed by what they have accomplished in only nine years,” remarked Dick Hanlin. “While other clubs around the country are closing doors, Spokane County has expanded its reach and proven to be a solid organization that the local community can depend on. I am excited to work with great people every day who are dedicated to youth development and I look forward to continuing my involvement with an organization that ensures our future generations find success in life.”

In his personal life, Dick is married to his wife Linda and together they have six adult boys with growing families of their own. With four of their six children currently serving in the military, the Hanlin family embodies the meaning of service to others and they couldn’t be happier to be back in the Inland Northwest.

Dick will begin his new role with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County on January 3, 2011.

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 nearly 3,700 area youth between the ages of 6 - 18, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County operates three Clubs year-round, Monday through Friday. For a yearly membership fee of \$10, youth have access to all of the Clubs: Northtown Branch, the Libby Teen Center and the Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer (Mead) Branch.

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

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