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COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION FOUNDATION DONATES \$5,000 TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SPOKANE COUNTY

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON (Wednesday, December 8) – To ensure at-risk youth have access to critical programs and services, the Comprehensive Health Foundation recently awarded \$5,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County to be used towards the purchase of a van. Made possible by matching funds raised by Bank of America, the donation will enable the Club to provide transportation to low-income youth living in subsidized housing.

“By providing transportation to children living in low-income areas, we will not only be able to offer them a free hot meal every day, but expose them to a variety of youth development programs including drug and alcohol prevention, fine arts, technology skills, and sports recreation,” stated Alise Delzell, Operations Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County. “This transportation funding comes at the perfect time in our organization’s growth and will allow us to reach even more children that need us most.”

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County will launch this program in partnership with the Spokane Housing Authority at the beginning of 2011. As part of its strategic plan, the Club has designated the program to target families living in Westfall Village and Cornerstone Courtyard with the expectation to expand into other areas in the future through additional funding. “We are looking forward to another successful partnership with the Boys and Girls Club to promote healthy activities for children living in our communities,” said Steve A. Cervantes, Executive Director of the Housing Authority.

“The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County was the perfect partner for this grant opportunity due to its vibrant support system for vulnerable children and youth,” stated Comprehensive Health Education Foundation’s Vice President, Dr. Kathy Burgoyne. “We know that access to transportation for families, especially in certain neighborhoods, can be limited and we are delighted to support a collaborative effort that will impact this community need.”

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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