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Hundreds of Families to Benefit from Uninterrupted Services at Boys & Girls Club of New Haven

Timing of Foundation Grant Is A Decisive Factor

New Haven, CT (October 25, 2019) – The board of directors of the Boys & Girls Club of New Haven announces with joy that the Club will continue operating uninterrupted due to a timely grant from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven; this announcement comes on the heels of a press release from the organization that the Club would need to discontinue its after school programs. The Club is asking the community for support to help build up its resources. To support the Club's sustainability efforts, please visit www.supportbgcnh.org to make an online gift, contact the Club at (203) 787-0187 or board chair, Greg Mickelson, at pgmickelson@hotmail.com.

"We are thrilled to be able to continue serving the youth of New Haven," says Greg Mickelson, Boys & Girls Club of New Haven Board Chair. "The grant we applied for earlier this year, and just learned today that we received, will support the Club for a short period of time while we develop a plan that enables us to serve the youth of New Haven for another 148 years."

"Fortunately, The Community Foundation's regular Board meeting took place yesterday so we were able to vote and expedite payment so that the Club could remain open and can continue to provide afterschool services through its programs in its facilities," says Christina Ciociola, Senior Vice President for Grantmaking and Strategy at The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. "The Club's application was submitted months ago through our competitive Responsive Grant process. The Community Foundation awarded the Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Haven with a three year grant of \$125,000. The Club received the first year's distribution of \$75,000 today. We are committed to working with the Club on plans for the future and its critical services to the hundreds of families in our community that benefit from the program."

The Club and its board of directors are grateful to the City of New Haven and Board of Education for their swift organization of alternate short term, after-school services upon learning that the Club was suspending its programming.

"Fortunately, our families did not have to use the alternative services assembled by the City, but we remain grateful that they were offered at such short notice," said Alex Discepolo, member of the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of New Haven.

About The Boys & Girls Club of New Haven



The Boys & Girls Club of New Haven is a member organization of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and is one of the largest youth-serving organizations in New Haven, reaching over 1000 children and teens each year. The New Haven Boys Club was founded in **1871** by Mrs. Eli Whitney in her home across the street from the Green. It provides programs full of education and enrichment for children and families, especially those from low-income households. Our Club reaches out to kids who cannot afford, or may lack access to, other community programs; over 54% of our members come from low-income households.