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Junior League of Northern Westchester Hosts 28th Annual Holiday Sharing Drive at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester

Mount Kisco, NY (December 10, 2008) — The Junior League of Northern Westchester recently held their 28th Annual Holiday Sharing Drive, a program designed to provide individuals and families in need with holiday food and gifts at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester. This year approximately 300 families received gifts through the Drive.

“We have been very fortunate that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester has offered us the use of their facilities for the past six years” said Trina Fontaine, president, Junior League of Northern Westchester. “They recognize how important this effort is to our community as they are one of 16 agencies that refer clients to the Holiday Sharing Drive. The impact we make this year will be even greater due to the difficult economic reality of this holiday season.”

The Junior League of Northern Westchester matches donors from our community with local families in need of assistance, including those suffering from domestic violence, physical and mental disabilities, homelessness, substance abuse, unemployment, terminal illness, as well as those in other situations of hardship. Some needs are as basic as warm winter clothing, bedding, formula, diapers, as well as toys for children who would otherwise go without.

“We are delighted to be a part of the Junior League’s Holiday Sharing Drive,” said Brian Skanes, executive director, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester. “This worthwhile program touches the lives of so many in our community. It truly evokes the spirit of the season and what both organizations represent.”

This year, donors contributed 1,220 containers full of food and goods to the families. “We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the members of the community who participate in this program.” said Kate Hutchings and Jennifer Binette, co-chairs of the 28th Annual Holiday Sharing Drive. Major donors this year have included Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, Inc. and students, their families and teachers from West Orchard Elementary School. The following local businesses donated food and supplies for the event: Whalen’s Moving & Storage Company, Dunkin Donuts in Mount Kisco, Bellizzi, Basilico, Cosi, Big Apple Bagels, and Taylored Menus. Additionally, we would like to thank the Richard Oliver House for donating clothing and Mead Johnson for donating toys.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester is located at 351 Main Street, Mt. Kisco, NY and can be reached at (914) 666-8069 or visit www.bgcnw.com.

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Left to right: Holiday Sharing Drive Co-Chairs Kate Hutchings and Jennifer Binette, Junior League of Northern Westchester; and Executive Director Brian Skanes, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester; at the Holiday Sharing Drive held recently at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester's Mount Kisco facility.

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester (www.bgcnw.com) was established in 1939 as a place for "boys to get off the streets." It is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring and enabling young people, especially those who need it most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. The main unit in Mt. Kisco, NY is a 36,000-square-foot facility featuring an eight-lane pool, Child Care Center, gymnasium, games room, two computer labs and an additional 1,600-foot Teen Center facility. The Club has two satellite programs: a youth and teen center in the Yorktown Community Center; and a full service program at The Community Opportunity Center in Tarrytown, NY. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester serves 3,500 youths, boys and girls ages 6 months to 18 years, from more than 60 Northern Westchester communities. The Club has been ranked among the outstanding Clubs in the national network of Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

About the Junior League of Northern Westchester

The Junior League of Northern Westchester is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

The JLNW is always looking to involve new members, women who feel they want to be a part of positive change in our community, enrich their lives and the lives of others while forming lasting friendships. The JLNW reaches out to woman of all ages, races, religions and national origins.

Please visit their website at www.jlnw.org or contact the office at 914-234-4714 for more information.

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