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### **LOUDOUN COUNTY BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS HONORED**

Mark Madigan awarded "Beverly Burton New Board Member of the Year" by Boys & Girls Clubs of America

STERLING, VA, MAY 21, 2008 - Mr. Mark Madigan, Chief Volunteer Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of Loudoun County, has been awarded the "Beverly Burton New Board Member of the Year" by Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The club, which serves Sterling Middle School (in the Sterling Park area), Stone Hill Middle School (Ashburn), and Simpson Middle School (Leesburg), has a charter to serve Loudoun County youth including those most at risk. The after school program for middle school children costs parents only \$20 per child per year while the donors and volunteers for Boys and Girls Club of Loudoun County save local taxpayers thousands of dollars.

The Loudoun County organization was chartered last spring with two units and serving 200 youth. This full range of programs for middle school children costs only \$20 a year per child. The cost of this service is about \$2000 per child per year and the organization actively seeks volunteers and donors to help them continue to provide these valuable services in the local area.

With the organization still not a year old and under Mark's leadership, last September they opened a third site and now serve more than 350 members.

In 2007 he personally spearheaded community partnerships that netted over \$100,000 for the Clubs. "Mark has worked tirelessly to make this organization a success. A modest man and West Point graduate, he exemplifies in his leadership the integrity and dedication of his background", says Henry Saxon, Regional Service Director, Boys and Girls Clubs of America. "He has recruited and maintained a Board of Directors that shares his passion and strong belief that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Loudoun County is a valued community asset. The 2008 Beverly Burton New Board Member of the Year award is well deserved."

The New Board Member of the Year award has been a long standing award for the Boys & Girls Club of America Area Council program. The naming of this award in honor of Beverly Burton has been a recent decision to honor Mrs. Beverly Burton who served as a long time local board member in Mobile, Alabama. Beverly served on the National Area Council Advisory Committee for over 10 years but was tragically killed in plane crash returning from the Mississippi Area Council meeting she was attending in support of the Area Council Movement.

The charter of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Loudoun County is to provide support for middle school and high school youth. Area children face seemingly endless challenges: everyday gang violence, teen parenthood, school drop-out rates which are too high, temptation of drugs and alcohol, etc. By establishing a safe haven after school that teaches leadership and social

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responsibility, area youth will have a stronger foundation and additional adult support to avoid these pitfalls.

Boys and Girls Club of Loudoun County currently serves children Monday through Friday from 3:30p-7:30p, with programming in five core areas-Education Development; Character and Leadership Development; Health and Life Skills; the Arts; and Sports, Fitness and Recreation. To honor those who have helped them the Boys and Girls Club of Loudoun County will be hosting a breakfast in June 2008, for their donors and friends of the organization.

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### About Boys & Girls Clubs of Loudoun County (BGCLC)

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Loudoun County Virginia is a charter member of Boy and Girls Clubs of America. BGCLC creates a positive environment where children are encouraged to develop their ambitions and turn them into reality. BGCLC helps boys and girls of all backgrounds build confidence, develop character, and acquire skills that prepare them for school and for life as productive, civic-minded, and responsible adults. To help sustain and further their programs they seek sponsorships and donors from local area residents. You can donate online and read more about the organization at <http://bgcloudoun.org/>.