



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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Boys & Girls Club to Hold Ribbon Cutting and Open House

SEDALIA, MO. – June 15, 2010- On June 22, from 2 to 4 p.m., the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri will be holding an open house and ribbon cutting to celebrate the Club’s 50th anniversary and the grand opening of its new administrative building located at 3100 Aaron Avenue in Sedalia.

The ribbon cutting, which begins at 2 p.m., will include a short presentation celebrating the Club’s 50 year history. After the ribbon cutting the Club’s new administrative offices at 3100 Aaron Avenue and the Club’s teen summer program site at 314 South Washington will be open for tour.

The new administrative building was built and renovated by Septagon Construction and it is the result of a \$350,000 Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credit project which was made possible through the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The land and unfinished office building were generously donated by CAV Development LLC in 2007 and additional 50 percent tax credit cash donations and partnerships have made this administrative building a reality.

“The outpouring of community support has been wonderful,” said Brett Barth-Fagan, executive director of the Club. “This is the first time the Club has owned a building in its 50 year existence and it was greatly needed.”

The Club received a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant in 2007 which allowed it to expand into Cole Camp, Green Ridge, La Monte, Leeton and Smithton. The Club now employs 26 full-time staff and 60 part-time staff. According to Barth-Fagan the Club was quickly outgrowing its shared location at 314 South Washington.

“We had employees stacked in there like sardines. We were trying to run programming and administrative duties out of the same space,” said Barth-Fagan. “This new administrative building allows us to open up that downtown facility for strictly programmatic purposes. The downtown location is now a new and improved space for the kids.”

The Boys & Girls Club has been a staple in the local community for 50 years. The Boys Club of Sedalia was chartered back in 1960 when a group of local Optimists and Rotarians saw the need for positive youth development in Sedalia. After two years of hard work by the founding fathers and support from the community, the Club opened its doors for programming in 1962. Ever since then, the Club has been working to inspire and enable all youth to be great. The Boys & Girls Club focuses its programming on five core areas: character and leadership, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts and sports, fitness and recreation.

The Club is still accepting applications for its elementary and teen summer programs which run through August 13th. For more info on the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri or the upcoming event, please call 660.826.8331 or find information online at www.bgckids.com.

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About the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri

Realizing Potential: Our Children, Our Community, Our Future

Starting in June 2010, the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri (www.bgckids.com) will be celebrating 50 years of providing hope and opportunity to local communities by inspiring all youth to BE GREAT. The Club started in 1960 when a group of local Optimists and Rotarians saw the need for positive youth programming and 50 years later the Club continues to positively impact lives by helping youth reach their full potential as productive and caring citizens. The Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri serves youth from 6 to 18 years of age by providing guidance-oriented character development programs conducted by trained, professional staff. Key programs emphasize leadership development; education and career exploration; community service; technology training; financial literacy; health and life skills; the arts; sports, fitness and recreation; and family outreach. The Club currently serves 2,220 members in 22 site programs, serving 6 communities and 3 counties in west central Missouri. For more information call 660.826.8331, find the Club online at www.bgckids.com, check out the Club’s Facebook page www.facebook.com/pages/Boys-Girls-Clubs-of-West-Central-Missouri/190529020627 or follow the Club on Twitter at bgckids.