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The Boys & Girls Club Presents Awards to Outstanding Board Members

SEDALIA, MO. – September 16, 2009- On September 11, 2009, the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri honored outstanding board members Dr. William Nicely and Pam Allan, by presenting them with nationally recognized awards for their countless hours of dedication to community and Club.

Dr. William Nicely and Pam Allan were both awarded the silver President's Volunteer Service Award for dedicating over 250 hours of volunteer service to the Club in 2008. The award, which includes a congratulatory letter from President Obama and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, was established in 2003 to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

According to a statement about the award on www.presidentialserviceawards.gov, "America has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to helping others and making new connections that bring us closer together as families, as neighbors, as communities, and as a Nation." The website continues that, "recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a central part of their lives."

Nicely and Allan's dedication to the Club hasn't gone unnoticed by the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri's Executive Director, Brett Barth-Fagan.

“Dr. Nicely and Pam have been an integral part of our Boys & Girls Club,” said Barth-Fagan. “As our Board President, Pam is always ready and willing to extend a helping hand to every effort that benefits the children we serve, as she assists the Club reach its future goals. And as for Dr. Nicely,” Barth-Fagan added, “I have never met a person more willing to give all that he has to help benefit the children in the community.”

Dr. William Nicely served as High School Principal in the Sedalia #200 School District from 1999-2004 and became Superintendent of Leeton R-X School District in 2004. Dr. Nicely relocated this year to Kearney where he is the Superintendent of the Kearney R-I School District. As a result of his move, Dr. Nicely resigned his Boys & Girls Club position as Board Vice President in June. In recognition for his commitment and dedication to the youth of West Central Missouri, he was also awarded the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Silver Medallion for his outstanding and extraordinary service to the Boys & Girls Club Movement. During Nicely’s four years on the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri’s board, he was instrumental in casting a vision that transformed the Boys & Girls Club of Sedalia into the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri.

“I recall sitting at the Boys & Girls Club National Conference in Orlando with Dr. Nicely and plotting out a strategy for growth where over a 15 year period, half of rural Missouri would have access to a Boys & Girls Club. It is because of this vision that we have been able to accomplish incredible growth,” said Barth-Fagan.

Since 2007, the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri has grown from six locations to 19, from a membership enrollment for 356 kids to over 2, 200 and the Club experienced a fiscal budget growth from \$396,000 to over \$2.4 million.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri please call 660-826-8331 or toll-free 877-242-9260.

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri

For almost 50 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri (www.bgckids.com) has been providing hope and opportunity to local communities by helping youth realize their ability to "Be Great." There are more than 4,300 Boys & Girls Clubs nationwide that serve some 4.5 million young people through Club membership and community outreach. Known as “The Positive Place for Kids,” the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri helps young people 6-18 years old with guidance-oriented character development programs conducted by trained, professional staff. The Club positively impacts lives by helping youth reach their full potential as productive, caring citizens. 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. In a recent Harris Survey of Club alumni, 57 percent said the Club saved their lives. For more information call 660-826-8331, toll-free 877-242-9260 or find the Club online at www.bgckids.com.

About the President’s Volunteer Service Award

According to www.presidentialserviceawards.gov, “In January of 2003, by Executive Order, President George W. Bush announced the formation of the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation. The Council was established to recognize the important contributions Americans of all ages are making within their communities through service and civic engagement. On January 27, 2005, President Bush amended the Executive Order, extending the President’s Council through January 2007. The Executive Order was further amended extending the Council until June 30, 2009. Administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Council brings together leaders from the worlds of business, entertainment, sports, education, government, nonprofits, and the media. One of the first priorities of the Council was to establish a volunteer recognition program. Since 2003, the Council has recognized more than 1.5 million Americans with the President’s Volunteer Service Award.” To learn more about the Award, please visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Silver Medallion

According to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, “The National Silver Medallion may be awarded by the National Awards Committee to any board volunteer for outstanding and extraordinary service to the Boys & Girls Club and the Boys & Girls Club Movement in an area or region.

An individual may be considered to have rendered such service if:

- He/She brought about the founding of a Boys & Girls Club by persistent leadership, persuasion, attempts to interest others, securing of funds and extraordinary personal effort
- He/She had a top leadership role in a capital fund or special project campaign of real significance or has personally raised a large part of the funds from several sources
- He/She has promoted the Boys & Girls Club in an area or region outside his or her own city over a considerable period of time. This may include helping other communities establish Boys & Girls Clubs, personally stimulating interest in the Boys & Girls Club Movement and interpreting the Movement to groups in communities. The promotion must be sustained and must involve an unusual amount of time.

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