



**Boys and Girls Club of MetroWest's Pearl Street Clubhouse in Framingham Receives \$5,000 From BJ's Wholesale Club, Members and Procter & Gamble**  
*-Funding to support homework help and tutoring Power Hour program-*

Natick, Mass. (April 24, 2009) – The Boys and Girls Club of MetroWest's Pearl Street Clubhouse in Framingham received a \$5,000 grant from BJ's Wholesale Club, its Members and its Vendor Partner Procter & Gamble (P&G) to honor their commitment of giving back to local communities. The grant will support Power Hour, the Club's homework and tutoring program, designed to raise the academic proficiency of Boys & Girls Club members ages 6-12. Throughout the month of March, when BJ's Members purchased selected P&G products, a portion of the proceeds benefitted this important effort.

"We are thankful for support from BJ's Wholesale Club and its Vendor Partner Procter & Gamble," said Fran Hurley, President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metrowest. "It is especially important during these challenging economic times, when our services are in even higher demand that we continue to raise the funds that are critical to providing quality out-of-school programs, like Power Hour, here in the Framingham community."

BJ's Wholesale Club, its members and P&G donated \$5,000 grants to 19 other Boys and Girls Clubs' Power Hour programs in various communities BJ's serves. The recipients were chosen based on their need and proximity to a BJ's location.

"BJ's Wholesale Club is proud to support local Boys and Girls Clubs throughout our footprint. Their commitment to creating a learning environment filled with educational activities, like Power Hour, ensures that children develop academically in a safe environment," said Jessica Newman, BJ's manager of community relations. "For the last few years, BJ's has supported various Boys & Girls Clubs distributing \$88,000 in grants through the BJ's Charitable Foundation, and we will continue to fund these valued community organizations well into the future."

**About the Boys and Girls Clubs of MetroWest**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest serves over 3,200 children and youth each year with a low membership fee of only \$25 per child, which makes it one of the largest and most affordable Boys & Girls Club organizations in Massachusetts. 2009 marks our historic 65 years of providing quality out-of-school programming for the children and youth of greater Marlborough, Hudson and Framingham. The Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest remains dedicated to being the Positive Place for Kids. Visit us online at [www.bgcmetrowest.org](http://www.bgcmetrowest.org).

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### **About BJ's Wholesale Club**

BJ's Wholesale Club is dedicated to providing its members with high-quality, brand name food and merchandise at prices that are significantly lower than the prices found at supermarkets, supercenters, department stores, drug stores and specialty retail stores. BJ's offers low BJ's Member Pricing on a huge selection of groceries, top-brand apparel and accessories, small appliances, consumer electronics, fine jewelry, and other quality merchandise.

Headquartered in Natick, Massachusetts, BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. is a leading operator of warehouse clubs in the eastern United States. The Company currently operates 180 clubs and 102 gas stations in 15 eastern states. Shop online or learn more about BJ's Wholesale Club at [www.bjs.com](http://www.bjs.com) .

Giving back has always been at the very core of BJ's culture. Through charitable giving, community relations programs and product donations, BJ's supports and enhances programs that provide vital services within each community we serve. In 2008, BJ's corporate commitment was evidenced by a \$600,000 donation from the Company's annual United Way of America<sup>®</sup> Campaign, over \$460,000 in sponsorships of local programs and events and more than \$220,000 donated from BJ's clubs. For more information about BJ's corporate commitment to the community, please visit, [www.bjs.com/about/community/](http://www.bjs.com/about/community/).

### **About Procter & Gamble**

Three billion times a day, P&G brands touch the lives of people around the world. The company has one of the strongest portfolios of trusted, quality, leadership brands, including Pampers(R), Tide(R), Ariel(R), Always(R), Whisper(R), Pantene(R), Mach3(R), Bounty(R), Dawn(R), Gain(R), Pringles(R), Charmin(R), Downy(R), Lenor(R), Iams(R), Crest(R), Oral-B(R), Actonel(R), Duracell(R), Olay(R), Head & Shoulders(R), Wella(R), Gillette(R), Braun(R) and Fusion(R). The P&G community includes approximately 138,000 employees working in over 80 countries worldwide. Please visit <http://www.pg.com/> for the latest news and in-depth information about P&G and its brands.

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