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LOCAL TEEN NAMED BOYS & GIRLS CLUB YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Hudson/Marlborough, MA –Allison Haro is a true example of an extraordinary young woman. At age 19 she has been selected as Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest. Ms. Haro is among hundreds of local Youth of the Year winners across the country recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for her sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community. Ms. Haro competed against fellow Club member, Jessica Purdy, age 16 of Marlborough last Friday, April 25th for the title of MetroWest Youth of the Year. The judges for the local competition were the General Managers from the Ninety Nine Restaurants located in Marlborough, Hudson and Ashland.

“Both Jessica and Allison were outstanding candidates with high moral character, poise and dedication to their community,” said Chris DiRocco, Youth of the Year judge and General Manager of the Ninety Nine Restaurant in Marlborough. “This was not an easy decision but we wish Jessica well and extend our sincere congratulation to Allison!”

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member’s family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club as well as personal challenges and obstacles to overcome. This program was funded over 60 years ago by the Reader’s Digest Foundation.

Ms. Haro is a Hudson resident and has been a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest for 5 years. She is known for her leadership skills and being a role model for young adults.

“Allison is an impressive young person and is destined for great things in her life,” said Fran Hurley, President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest. “We are proud to have her represent the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest at the state competition.”

This spring Ms. Haro will compete against other Boys & Girls Club members for the Massachusetts Youth of the Year title and a \$1,000 scholarship from Reader’s Digest. If Ms. Haro wins at the state level, then she will compete for the title of North East Region Youth of the Year and an additional \$10,000 scholarship. The five regional winners will advance to Washington, D.C. in September 2008 to compete for BGCA’s National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year receives an additional \$15,000 college scholarship and is installed by the President in an Oval Office ceremony.

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The Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest serves over 3,200 children and youth each year making it one of the largest Boys & Girls Club organizations in Massachusetts. With over 100 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.