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LOCAL TEENS RAISE \$1,500 TO FIGHT CANCER
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB KIDS PARTICIPATES IN RELAY FOR LIFE

FRAMINGHAM, MA – At 7pm on Friday, May 29th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest’s Keystone Club from the Pearl Street Clubhouse in Framingham began walking to raise awareness for the American Cancer Society. The leadership and community service group made up of Boys & Girls Club members ages 14-18 reached their goal of raising \$1,500 to donate towards the *Relay for Life* event that ran through Saturday morning, May 30th at Ghiloni Park in Marlborough.

The Keystone Club chose the American Cancer Society’s *Relay for Life* event as their community service project for 2009. Their relay team name, **BGC 4 Life**, was inspired by the importance of celebrating the lives of those who have battled cancer and to remember those lost. The group of 9 teens began raising funds in January of 2009 by recycling cell phones, bottles and cans, and holding bake sales, raffles and pancake breakfasts throughout the community. With the help of Kim Welsch, Teen Coordinator at the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest’s Framingham Clubhouse, the teens successfully reached their goal of raising \$1,500 to donate to *Relay for Life*.

“We are very proud of our Keystone Club for raising important funds for *Relay for Life* and the American Cancer Society and participating in the event,” said Francis Hurley, President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest. “The leadership and commitment our teens have shown aligns with the purpose of the program and the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest.”

In addition to raising funds, team BGC 4 Life completed the 12-hours of walking throughout the night of May 29th and early into the morning on May 30th with the help of food, games, movies on the big screen, pie-eating contests, dancing and fun-filled theme laps. They are proud to have been a part of the American Cancer Society’s *Relay for Life* and are looking forward to participating again next year.

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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.