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LOCAL GIRLS RAISE \$1,075 FOR HAITIAN RELIEF

Boys & Girls Club Members Host Spaghetti Dinner To Help Give Back

(Marlborough, MA)- Nine members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest's (BGC MW) Marlborough Clubhouse held a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 6th to help benefit Haitian relief efforts following the devastating earthquake that affected Haiti in January. The group of nine middle school girls raised \$1,075 with the help of the Club staff and the support of the local community.

More than 75 members of the local community were in attendance to help the members of the SMART Girls program raise important funds to benefit the American Red Cross' efforts in bringing relief to Haiti. The girls of the program will be visiting the American Red Cross in Worcester on Thursday, February 11th to tour the facility and present the money they raised through this event.

"The SMART Girls program teaches us how to make good decisions now and good choices for the future. The things that we learn in SMART girls will help us stay on the right path as we get older," says Alyssa, age 11. "After seeing all the damage and destruction (in Haiti), we decided that we needed to help. We thought that by having this spaghetti dinner it would be a good way for us to make a difference."

SMART Girls program is a health, fitness, prevention/education and self-esteem enhancement program for girls ages 10-15. The program is designed to allow young girls to explore their own and societal attitudes and values as they build skills for eating right, staying physically fit, getting good health care and developing positive relationships with peers and adults.

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About the Boys & 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. 2010 marks our 66th year 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.