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**Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo Officially Opens
Community Playground at John F. Beecher Clubhouse**

BUFFALO (September, 2007) -- Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo (BGCB) will officially open the John F. Beecher Clubhouse Community Park on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 4:00 pm.

The John F. Beecher Clubhouse, directly adjacent to the what was known as the Tauriello Park, was built in 1973, and has since provided learning, fun, friendship, and lasting memories for thousands of youth, who have passed through its doors.

Over the years, this community asset slowly lost its value due to vigorous use by people of all ages. Last year, the playground was deemed unsafe and was removed, leaving an eyesore where once stood a place that was full of life.

In place of that eyesore, now stands a beautiful playground that will provide more opportunities for the youth in the community and enhance BGCB programs and activities.

“After a year of planning, fundraising and installing, it’s finally here and we’re extremely excited, says Diane L. Rowe, Chief Professional Officer. “ The community will finally have a safe place where children can have fun, build their social skills and spend meaningful time with their parents.”

With the support of many sponsors including, Assemblyman Sam Hoyt, Councilman Brian Davis and the Buffalo Bills Alumni Association, the playground is now fully equipped with a basketball

court, a playground for toddlers, one for older children, climbing domes, and much more.

The Playground Grand Opening will take place: Monday, September 10, 2007, 4 pm, John F. Beecher Clubhouse, 180 10th St., Buffalo, NY 14201. For more information, contact Danielle N. Judge-Johnson at (716) 825-1016 ext. 220.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo

Since 1926, the Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo has been in the forefront of youth development, working with young people from disadvantaged economic, social, and family circumstances. We provide programs and services to over 8,500 youth throughout Western New York.

Our Mission is to provide appropriate and diversified programs and activities that serve to attract and hold area youth to the Clubhouse. We provide environments that teach children the skills needed to build positive lives, attitudes, and behaviors.