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**OUTSTANDING TEEN NAMED BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF BUFFALO'S 2008 YOUTH OF THE YEAR.**

Buffalo, NY, April 21, 2008 – Timothy Broadus is a true example of an extraordinary young man. At age 15, he has just been selected as the 2008 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo. Sponsored by Reader's Digest Foundation and administered by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), this national program recognizes youth's superior leadership skills, academic achievement, and outstanding service to Boys & Girls Clubs and the community.

Tim was chosen out of seven (7) outstanding members at BGCB as the overall Youth of the Year. He is among hundreds of youth across the country recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for his sound character, leadership skills, and willingness to give back to the community.

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 overcome. This program was founded over 60 years ago through the generosity of Reader's Digest.

Tim has been a member of our Masten Clubhouse for 2 years. At the Club, Tim is known as "Mr. Fix-It." He's the one that the members turn to when a game is broken, or there is a conflict between members. He is always willing to help run a program, work in the kitchen, and come up with new ideas for the Keystone Club to help in the community. He is very active in his community, volunteering for Greater Refuge Temple Church and the Apollo Media Center. Working hard has led Tim to receive a full academic scholarship to Canisius High School where he has helped build a program that assists students who may not be able to afford the cost of lunch. With a very challenging curriculum, he never gets discouraged but uses the challenges to strengthen his character. Tim hopes to take his hard-earned diploma with him to college to study Chemical Engineering.

"Tim is an outstanding young man. He represents everything that Boys & Girls Clubs stands for and I know he will continue to do great things beyond his time

as Youth of the Year,” said Diane L. Rowe, chief professional officer, Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo.

Tim will compete against other Boys & Girls Club members for the New York State Youth of the Year title and a \$1,000 scholarship. If he wins at the state level, then Tim will compete for the title of Northeast Regional Youth of the Year and a \$10,000 scholarship. The five regional winners will travel to Washington, D.C., to compete for the title of 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.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo

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. Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo has been an integral part of Western New York for over 80 years. Its 16 locations provide services to over 9,000 boys and girls, ages 6-18, in the key areas of Character & Leadership, Education & Career Development, Health & Life-skills, The Arts and Sports, Fitness & Recreation.

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