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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BUFFALO MEMBER, ARTHUR WILEY
WINS OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL FINE ARTS
EXHIBIT**

Annual Search for Top Artists

Buffalo, NY, July 16, 2007 – Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo was one of more than 4,400 Clubs across the country that joined in a search to identify talented young artists. The competition is part of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's (BGCA) National Fine Arts Exhibit program.

BGCA's National Fine Arts Exhibit program is a comprehensive initiative promoting young people's creativity and encouraging artistic skills and cultural enrichment.

As a participant in the National Fine Arts Exhibit program, Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo submitted members' artwork in 4 age divisions and 10 categories,



Arthur Wiley Sculpture "Beliefs"

including watercolor, pastel, oil, acrylic, and collage. Selected artwork was screened at the regional level, where we had four (4) pieces place in the finals. Only one was sent to BGCA's Atlanta headquarters for judging at the national level. Arthur Wiley, 18 years old, and a member of the John F. Beecher Clubhouse for more than 10 years, won for his piece entitled, "Beliefs."

His artwork is now among thirty-six other national winners and will be a part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's 2007 National Fine Arts Exhibit. The Exhibit will be displayed at various Boys & Girls Clubs of America conferences and events and viewed by hundreds across the country throughout the year.

Arthur will receive an engraved plaque and letter of congratulations, from BGCA President Roxanne Spillett and the artwork will be placed on www.bgca.org in the National Fine Arts Exhibit virtual gallery.

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.