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**[photo caption:** Kelly Carter, Senior Director, Credit Development at Ingram Micro presents Timothy Brennan, Interim CPO Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo with a program grant]

### **Ingram Micro Helps Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo Bridge the Gap**

**Buffalo, NY February 13, 2015** – Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo was awarded a grant from Ingram Micro Software Company to support Bridging the Gap program at our Southside Clubhouse.

According to the OJP SMART System, the Southside Clubhouse community has a population of 13,568 people with 51.09% family households having children under the age of 18, 40% are single

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head of households with multiple children and 68% of these households have an income of less than \$30,000 annually and 22% of children are living in poverty.

Bridging the Gap's main priority is to increase the educational achievements of low income students. We do this through the implementation of fun, engaging educational programs and activities that work to ensure every child is on-time for grade progression & that they successfully graduate from high school.

**About Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo:**

Since 1926, Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo has been in the forefront of youth development, working with young people from disadvantaged economic, social, and family circumstances. We have actively sought to enrich the lives of girls and boys whom other youth agencies failed to reach and we are dedicated to ensuring that our community's disadvantaged youngsters have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures.

Today, Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo serves 4,000 youth between the ages of 5-21. We are not only a place where youth can come and hang out after school, but a safe haven that allows them to develop into young adults with the necessary skills and sense of self to succeed outside of our buildings.

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