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[photo caption: Fifteen local non-profits share in the \$54,958.42 raised by Pizza Hut's Dough for Kids campaign. Seated second from right is Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo Director of Resource Development, Jody L. Briggs-Garcia]

Pizza Hut's Raising Dough for Kids Grant Awarded to Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo

Buffalo, NY January 27, 2015 –Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo was awarded a grant through Pizza Hut's Raising Dough for Kids Foundation. The grant will be used to form the first ever Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo **Performing Arts Club** (PAC).

Members of the PAC will explore the extensive performing arts community that Buffalo is renowned for. Members will benefit through the exploration of new pathways to creative learning, self expression and non-verbal communication.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo relies on the generosity of companies and individuals to bridge funding gaps for many of its year-long, ongoing programs. Grants, such as Pizza Hut's Dough for Kids, provide much need opportunities for our members.

"We cannot stress enough the genuine need and thankfulness for grant funding. Our members would rarely have the occasion to experience the arts at such a personal and educational level. PAC can strengthen our members' creative problem solving skills," said Diane Rowe, Chief Professional Officer of Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo.

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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