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Jefferson County Boys & Girls Club Campaign Contributors Secure \$500,000 Challenge Gift

LAKESWOOD, CO – Jefferson County is making tremendous progress toward its goal of raising one million dollars by the end of 2010 to make possible the first Boys & Girls Club in the county.

Jefferson County Boys & Girls Club leaders report that a \$500,000 challenge gift offered until May 1 has been secured. The terms of the anonymous gift called for the community to raise \$350,000 by May 1.

“We did it,” reported Jefferson County District Attorney Scott Storey in making the announcement for campaign contributors. Jefferson County also has resolved to contract for youth services with Boys & Girls Club, lending tremendous momentum to the initiative and assuring that the \$500,000 challenge gift would be secured by May 1.

Storey tells that tale of a retired Lakewood supporter on a fixed income who gave two dollars to the cause after hearing a presentation – the annual cost for a child to be a member of a Boys & Girls Club.

“Boys & Girls Clubs are all about taking care of our children, so that together with us, we may take better care of our community,” Storey said. “I think that is why we have seen such an outpouring of contributions from the people of Jefferson County.”

The first Boys & Girls Club is proposed to be located at O’Connell Middle School, 1275 S. Teller St., Lakewood. The school is in the re-developing downtown neighborhoods of Lakewood, the fourth largest city in the state.

“There is a middle school services gap that is dramatically affecting children in some Lakewood neighborhoods, particularly around our central downtown core districts” said Mayor Bob Murphy. “Lakewood needs a Boys & Girls Club. With this \$500,000 challenge gift, we now have \$850,000 of our one million dollar goal,” pointed out Mayor Murphy. “We now have the funds we need to move ahead with our immediate goal of opening the first Boys & Girls Club in Jeffco in Lakewood this fall.”

Jefferson County Boys & Girls Club leaders stress that further contributions are needed for the one million dollar campaign and encourage people to contribute, learn more or arrange a presentation by visiting www.bgcmd/jeffco.