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HELP FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo is Proud to Announce FREE MEMBERSHIP for Military Families

Buffalo- January, 2012- Through a Mentoring Grant; the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has championed the “MISSION- Youth Outreach” program at participating sites.

THE MISSION- Club Membership being offered at **NO Cost** to military families and allows the youth to receive specialized resiliency programming in addition to all the benefits of being a Member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo.

What does a club have to offer? The Boys & Girls Club is a safe place to learn and grow, make friends, and learn critical life skills to reach young people’s full potential as positive, caring, and responsible citizens.

- Research developed programming designed to impact youth in 5 core areas:
 - o Character & Leadership Development
 - o Health & Life skills
 - o Education
 - o The Arts
 - o Sport, Fitness, and Recreation
- Fun Fieldtrips to historic and educational sites.
- A healthy snack and well balanced hot meal daily
- Opportunities to develop positive relationships with professional staff
- A positive, safe, and trusting environment.

If you are interested in this special opportunity, please contact Katie Trask at 716-825-1016 for more information.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo's 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. We have been an integral part of Western New York since 1926. Our 15 locations provide services to over 7,000 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. For more information about Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo, please visit our website at www.bgcbuffalo.org.

About Office of Justice Programs

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides innovative leadership to federal, state, local, and tribal justice systems, by disseminating state-of-the art knowledge and practices across America, and providing grants for the implementation of these crime fighting strategies. Because most of the responsibility for crime control and prevention falls to law enforcement officers in states, cities, and neighborhoods, the federal government can be effective in these areas only to the extent that it can enter into partnerships with these officers. Therefore, OJP does not directly carry out law enforcement and justice activities. Instead, OJP works in partnership with the justice community to identify the most pressing crime-related challenges confronting the justice system and to provide information, training, coordination, and innovative strategies and approaches for addressing these challenges.

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