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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY AT ANNUAL CHAIRMAN’S DINNER

Beverly Hills [October 26, 2006] – Friends, supporters and special guests of Boys & Girls Clubs of America will gather at the Regent Beverly Wilshire on October 26th to celebrate 100 years of serving America’s youth and to recognize those that have made a difference in the community. Actress Kerry Washington will be inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Alumni Hall of Fame. Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP and Larry and Kristina Dodge will be honored for their tremendous philanthropy. The celebrity host for the evening will be actor Jamie Farr.

This year Boys & Girls Clubs of America will bestow one of its highest honors, The President’s Award, upon Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP for its ongoing support of organizations and issues affecting the health and welfare of our nation’s youth. Kenneth Doran, Managing Partner of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher will accept the award. Larry and Kristina Dodge of The American Sterling Group, will receive the prestigious Champion of Youth Award for their tremendous commitment to America’s youth.

California Senator Dianne Feinstein, a long time supporter of the BGCA, said, "With close to 4,000 club locations, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America provide millions of children and young adults with safe locations to connect with mentors, meet new friends, and cultivate their interests and skills. Young people desperately need these services as they seek to find positive and productive roles in their communities, and the Boy & Girls Clubs help them succeed in ways they might not otherwise have known possible.”

Actress Kerry Washington is a native of Bronx, New York and an alum of the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club. Ms. Washington is an accomplished actress starring in
films such as *Ray* and *Fantastic Four* with upcoming roles in *The King of Scotland* and *I Think I Love My Wife*. Boys & Girls Clubs of America is pleased to induct this talented actress into the Alumni Hall of Fame. Other notables alumnus include: Danny Glover, Cuba Gooding Jr., Queen Latifah, Jennifer Lopez, Brad Pitt, Martin Sheen, Courtney Vance, Mark Wahlberg and Denzel Washington.

The law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP is an active member of the community, supporting organizations and issues that advance the health and welfare of our nation’s youth. Organizations in which Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher attorneys are involved include: Heart of Los Angeles Youth, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Alliance for Children’s Rights and Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Additionally, they are the founders of the nationwide program Adoption Saturday, winner of the National Service Award. Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher’s commitment to community service and pro bono work has always been an important hallmark of the firm's culture.

Larry and Kristina Dodge are well-recognized philanthropists in Southern California and throughout the country. As the Founding Chairman of the Board, CEO and Majority Stockholder of American Sterling Corporation and its subsidiaries, Larry and his wife, Kristina, direct funds to charitable causes such as: Chapman University, Dodge College of Film & Media Arts, Redlands Public School District, The Ocean Institute, Kansas City Art Institute, Hope House, The Sunshine Center and Boys & Girls Club of Capistrano Valley.

**About Boys & Girls Clubs of America**

Boys & Girls Clubs of America (www.bgca.org) comprises a national network of more than 3,900 Boys & Girls Clubs that reach out to some 4.6 million young people each year through membership and community outreach. Known as “The Positive Place for Kids,” the Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 6-18 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff. Key Boys & Girls Club programs emphasize character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation.