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MEDIA ALERT / PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

First Nations After-School Program at Central Saanich Boys & Girls Club to Get Boost through \$10,000 grant from Sears Canada

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WHAT: Providing children and youth with structured and supervised after-school programs helps them stay safe during the time of day when they're most vulnerable and assists their healthy development. Boys & Girls Club Services offers a unique program dedicated to meeting the needs of First Nations youth. Necitel, which means listening to each other in the Sencoten language, is an after school program that incorporates traditional story telling, First Nations culture and crafts. This unique program is run two days a week through our Central Saanich club.

On October 4 Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria will be one of 30 Boys and Girls Clubs across Canada to receive a \$10,000 After School Enhancement Grant through Sears Young Futures, to assist the club with expanding its after-school programs.

WHO: Michael Mee, Manager, Victoria Sears store, and Rick Tiede, Manager, Sears Home Store will be available for interviews about Sears support to Boys & Girls Clubs.
Kate Mansell Director of Development and Jen Cameron, Central Saanich Coordinator,
Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria

WHEN: October 4, 2005 at 12pm

WHERE: Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria, 1240 Yates Street, Victoria

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About Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria

Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria is a leading provider of programs that support the healthy physical, educational and social development of young people and their families in the community. Dedicated, trained staff and volunteers offer programs in physical recreation, technology, the arts, personal growth and more. Victoria Boys & Girls Clubs also provides after-school and evening programs through four Community Clubs located in Esquimalt, Central Saanich, Millstream and Downtown. The Club has provided a safe, supportive environment where children and youth experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life since 1960. To learn more, visit www.bgcvic.org

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Victoria is a member of Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada, a national movement of clubs with 700 community locations, currently serving more than 150,000 children and youth. For over 100 years, Boys and Girls Clubs have been helping young Canadians to discover, develop and achieve their potential. To learn more, visit Boys and Girls Clubs www.bgccan.com



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