



Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada
Clubs Garçons & Filles du Canada

Victoria Boy Wins National Microsoft Holiday Greeting Card Contest Central Saanich Boys & Girls Club receives \$1,000, winner receives desktop computer and printer

Mississauga, ON, December 13, 2005 – Thirteen-year-old Jeremy Weber from Victoria, British Columbia is this year's winner of Microsoft Canada Co.'s Holiday Greeting Card Contest. To capture the true spirit of giving, children from the Boys and Girls Clubs across Canada were invited to design a card depicting 'The Greatest Gift of All'. Jeremy's card was chosen from over 400 entries and his artwork will appear on more than 20,000 holiday greeting cards. Microsoft Canada made the announcement today at the Central Saanich Boys & Girls Club in the Greater Victoria region.

"Jeremy's entry demonstrates a great deal of creativity and captures the spirit of our theme this year 'The Greatest Gift of All'," said Barb Alexander, Regional Sales Manager for British Columbia, Microsoft Canada. "We are thrilled to be able to share this wonderful artistic holiday card with our customers and partners across the country."

Microsoft Canada presented Jeremy with a colour printer and Dell desktop computer complete with a DVD CD-ROM and loaded with Microsoft® software including Windows XP. Microsoft also awarded the Central Saanich Boys & Girls Club with a cheque for \$1,000.

"We are all very proud of Jeremy's efforts," said Kate Mansell, Director of Development, Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria. "Jeremy is highly creative and intelligent and has an excellent rapport with fellow club members. Jeremy has shown his passion for the arts since becoming a member of the Central Saanich Club five years ago at age 8."

"I had a lot of fun creating the greeting card for Microsoft's greeting card contest," said Jeremy. "I couldn't believe that I won, I'm really happy that I won for the club and I'm so excited about having a brand new computer at home. I can use it but so can my mom who is taking a medical course!"

This is the ninth year for the greeting card contest. Microsoft Canada works with Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada in communities across the country to provide programs designed to empower children and youth through technology.

About Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada

Established in 1900, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada is a leading national youth organization, helping 150,000 children and youth to develop their potential. Our

101 member clubs, located in 700 communities nationwide, provide quality recreational, educational and social development programs that foster self-esteem, build skills and develop character in young people. To learn more, visit our website at www.bgccan.com.

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.

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