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MEDIA RELEASE

385 Post-Secondary Scholarships Awarded to Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada Youth from across the Country since 2001 by Future Shop

Most Recent 55 Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarship Recipients Announced for 2007

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Toronto, ON, June 27, 2007) – Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada (BGCC) and Future Shop are pleased to announce the selection of 55 Boys and Girls Club youth from across Canada to receive a \$3,000 Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarship for the September 2007 school term. This marks the seventh consecutive year Future Shop and BGCC have partnered to offer the post-secondary scholarships to Boys and Girls Club youth -- bringing Future Shop's total investment in the National scholarship program to over \$1 million.

"The youth who receive our Future Leaders Scholarships each year are inspiring," said Rick Lotman, Senior Vice President, Customer Experience, Future Shop. "We knew as a company that we wanted to support youth and education and made the commitment to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada seven years ago that we would help create opportunities for their youth. We're overwhelmed by the dedication of our recipients to their education, families, communities and future ambitions. We are extremely proud of the difference these scholarships have made in their lives."

Recipients of Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships are chosen for demonstrating an inspiring commitment to their education and dedication to their local Boys and Girls Club and community. In addition, students are selected based on their financial need - more so than on their grades.

For Ghaith Dhaidan, a Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa member, the scholarship will mean the opportunity to attend his first year in Biopharmaceutical Science at the University of Ottawa without creating excessive expense for his family. "This scholarship means a lot to me and my family," Ghaith said. "When we arrived in Canada five years ago, my family faced many obstacles including adapting to our new city and making ends meet. With the Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarship, my dream of studying medicine is becoming a reality – I feel it will allow me to give back to the community that has helped me."

With increasing financial pressures on families including post-secondary education costs, Pam Jolliffe, President and CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada, indicated that for many of the youth the Clubs serve college or university is out of reach without the financial support provided by the Future Leaders Scholarships. "We are so proud of the many bright, talented young people at the Clubs and through the Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships, we know they are getting the chance to fully realize their educational and career goals."

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Each scholarship includes either \$2,000 or \$2,500 toward tuition at the post-secondary institution of the youth's choice for the school term beginning September 2007, as well as a gift card valued at either \$1,000 or \$500 redeemable for Future Shop merchandise to assist with their studies.

This partnership makes Future Shop the largest private sector sponsor of Boys and Girls Club scholarships in Canada and brings Future Shop's cumulative investment in Canadian youth through the Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarship program to well over \$1 million.

Scholarship presentations will take place throughout the summer at Boys and Girls Clubs and Future Shop stores in communities across the country.

Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships - Class of 2007:

British Columbia

Daanish	Ali	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver
Andrea	Biggs	Okanagan Boys and Girls Club
Carly	Coccola	Boys and Girls Club of Greater Victoria
Brandon	Grenkow	Williams Lake Boys and Girls Club
Jessica	Henderson	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver
Clayton	Webb	Boys and Girls Club of Greater Victoria

Alberta

Cindy	Conville	Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary
Jessica	Frail	Fort Saskatchewan Boys and Girls Club
Nicole	Jordan	Boys and Girls Club of Westaskiwin
Amanda	Morgan	Boys and Girls Club of Stettler
Amanda	Osborne	Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary
Dan	Proulx	Diamond Valley and District Boys and Girls Club
Tyler	Roed	Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County
Kaitlyn	Winfield	Diamond Valley and District Boys and Girls Club

Manitoba/Saskatchewan

Justin	Desjardins	Boys and Girls Clubs of Saskatoon
Adnan	Jujic	Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg
Majda	Miljkovic	Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg
Edward	Mukasa	Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg
Janelle	White	Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg
Stephanie	Willemsen	Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg

Ontario

Stephanie	Aiello	Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club
Omar	Albattab	Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa
Melanie	Amadasun	Albion Boys and Girls Club
Brigette	Balling	Eastview Boys and Girls Club (Oshawa)
Aziza	Barra	Eastview (Toronto) Boys and Girls Club
Jenna-Lynn	Burns	Boys and Girls Clubs of Kawartha Lakes
Alicia	Cameron	Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club

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Ontario cont'd.

Maurice	Cleverdon	Boys and Girls Club of Peel
Sarah	Craik	Boys and Girls Club of London
Oluwatoyin	Dada	Albion Boys & Girls Club
Antonia	Date	Boys and Girls Club of Peel
Ghaith	Dhaidan	Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa
Keegan	Howlett	Boys and Girls Club of London
Muna	Hussein	Eastview (Toronto) Boys and Girls Club
Rachelle	Litchmore	East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club
Ohana	Oliveira	St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club
Whitney	Wright	Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club

Quebec

Paulina	Fauchon	Boys and Girls Club of Lachine/LeNet
Mariah	Murray	Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle
Jessica	O'Neill	Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle
Vishan	Singh	Dawson Boys & Girls Club
Ayana	Woodward	Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle

New Brunswick

Felicia	Huckins	Boys and Girls Club of Grand Manan
Catherine	Small	Boys and Girls Club of Grand Manan
Shannon	Wheaton	Boys and Girls Club of Saint John
Brittany	Whittier	Charlotte County Boys and Girls Club

Newfoundland

James	Chatman	Botwood Boys and Girls Club
Jonathon	Dwyer	Norris Arm Boys and Girls Club
Natasha	Ivany	Botwood Boys and Girls Club

Nova Scotia

Amanda	Hollis	Boys and Girls Club of Dartmouth
Ross	Simmonds	Boys and Girls Club of Preston
Monique	Thomas	Boys and Girls Club of Preston

Prince Edward Island

Shawn	Arsenault	Wellington and Area Boys and Girls Club
Nicholas	Creelman	Boys and Girls Club of Summerside
Lindsay	Rogers	Boys and Girls Club of Summerside

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About Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada

Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada is a leading provider of programs that support the healthy physical, educational and social development of more than 178,000 children, youth and their families each year. In 700 community locations across Canada, clubs offer after-school programs in physical recreation, technology, the arts, personal growth and more. Many clubs also provide meals, emergency shelter, family support programs and other supports to children and youth at risk. Boys and Girls Clubs have been helping young Canadians to discover, develop and achieve their potential, for over 100 years. To learn more, visit www.bgccan.com.

About Future Shop

With more than 123 stores across the country and the nation's premier web store www.futureshop.ca, Burnaby, BC-based Future Shop is Canada's largest, national retailer and e-tailer of consumer electronics.

Future Shop and its more than 10,000 employees are dedicated to providing consumers with expert service and offer the latest digital products including a wide selection of brand-named televisions, computers, audio, entertainment software and hardware plus appliances – all backed by a low price guarantee.

The Company is committed to kids and communities, supporting non-profit organizations that help youth develop their skill set, discover their talents and sustain a lasting interest in education.

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