

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF FONTANA RETURNS FROM 104th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Fontana , May 2010 - The Boys & Girls Club of **Fontana** has just returned from New York and an information-packed three-day meeting exploring some of the most pressing issues concerning the well-being of America's young people. A group of *two* lead by Terrie Schneider, Executive Director *joined* some 2,000 other Boys & Girls Club professionals and board members attending the 104th Annual National Conference for Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA).

One of the most popular events was the Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony where this year's inductees – Cathy Hughes, Founder/CEO Radio One; Francisco Sanchez, U.S. Undersecretary for International Trade; Ben Gazzara, Actor; Michael Bell, Mayor, Toledo, Ohio; Cmdr. Daniel Travers, U.S. Coast Guard; Michael Goldberg, National Basketball Coaches Association; Jimmy Rollins, MLB, Phillies and Richard Sheirer, of Giuliani Partners received a standing ovation following their poignant remarks about how important the Club was to them in their childhood and how it taught them the importance of giving back. R&B sensation Ashanti, served as emcee. "This year's class of inductees represents the power and impact a Club has not only on character and development, but also on civic engagement," said BGCA President and CEO Roxanne Spillett. "The 2010 inductees, as well as the other Alumni Hall of Fame members, are living proof that Boys & Girls Club programs work."

"Overall, the conference gave us great ideas, and most importantly - the opportunity to network with other Boys & Girls Clubs who are facing many of the same challenges we are here in Fontana." said Executive Director, Terrie Schneider.

At this year's National Conference, Boys & Girls Club of Fontana was cited for outstanding work in marketing and received two Marketing & Communications Awards in comprehensive Marketing Strategy and BGCA Initiatives & Special Events.

The Boys & Girls Club has played an integral role in Fontana for 21 years, providing daily programs and services to over 2,000 young people. The Club is open Monday – Saturday providing programs in character and leadership development, education and career enhancement, the arts, health and life skills, and sports, fitness and recreation.



Evan McElroy Senior VP BGCA with Terrie Schneider, CPO of BGCF at the 2010 MAC Awards Ceremony.

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