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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF STAMFORD TO HONOR THREE MAJOR SUPPORTERS

AT MARCH 24TH “CITY CHIC” FUNDRAISER
Sponsorships and Event Tickets are Available Now

STAMFORD, CONN., February 29, 2016 – The **Boys & Girls Club of Stamford (BGCS)** is gearing up for its **2016 City Chic** gala on **Thursday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m.** Tickets and sponsorships are now available for the annual event to be held on **The Palace Theatre Stage at the Stamford Center for the Arts** at 61 Atlantic St. in Stamford, Conn. The gala’s presenting sponsors are The Ashforth Company and GE Asset Management.

The evening will feature entertainment, refreshments, silent auction and raffles, and a live auction emceed by Stamford’s own Bobby Valentine. The focal point will be the **7:30 p.m. presentation of three major 2016 BGCS awards:**

- **Corporate Partnership Award to the Law Firm of Shipman & Goodwin LLP** of Stamford, Greenwich, Hartford, New Haven, Lakeville, New York City, and Washington, D.C.;
- **Guardian of the Community Award to Dominic Franchella, Owner of Stamford Ford Lincoln,** and
- **Lifetime Achievement Award to John Griswold** of Stamford.

“*City Chic* is the Boys & Girls Club of Stamford’s largest fundraising event,” explains Michael Cotela, BCGS Executive Director. “It also is an opportunity for our leadership and staff, and the entire Greater Stamford community to express their appreciation to the companies and individuals who provide outstanding support to our organization and programs and the youth we serve every day.”

“This year’s *City Chic* honorees – the attorneys at Shipman & Goodwin LLP’s Stamford office, Dominic Franchella, and John Griswold – all are dedicated volunteers who step up to make possible many of our most important programs,” says BGCS Chief Development Officer Christine S. Larsen, who is managing the gala with Event Chair Karyn Ward of The Ashforth Company. “We are very grateful they are part of our community ‘family’, and we welcome all businesses, organizations and individuals interested in sponsoring or attending this wonderful event to contact us.”

Tickets for the March 24th City Chic are \$250 per person and includes cocktails and desserts. **To purchase tickets or learn about sponsorship opportunities,** go to www.bgcastamford.org/city-chic or call 203-324-0594.

The Boys & Girls Club of Stamford (BGCS) has provided after school activities and youth development services in the city since 1927. Its mission is to help the youth of Stamford – especially those most in need – to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. The organization provides young people, ages 6-18, with a safe environment in which to learn, grow and develop positive relationships with peers and caring adults. The 501(c)3 organization provides innovative programs at two locations to nearly 1,500 members, most of whom live below the poverty level in Stamford. Programs focus on five core areas: Character & Leadership Development; Education & Career Development; Arts; Health & Life Skills; and Sports & Recreation. **For more information,** visit www.bgcastamford.org or call 203-324-0594.

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