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Boys & Girls Club Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony for Ansonia Project

Shelton, CT, October 11, 2007 – The Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley is holding a groundbreaking ceremony for its new Ansonia Project on October 18, 2007, and all members of the press are invited to attend.

This new unit—the Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse—is a collaborative effort of our Club, the Valley YMCA, and the City of Ansonia Fire Department. It is a facility designed to meet the needs, not only of its host community—Ansonia, but also those of the entire Lower Naugatuck Valley.

Plan to join us on the 18th on the Howard Avenue side of the existing building located between Clifton and Howard Avenues in Ansonia. The groundbreaking event is scheduled for 4:00 pm with a reception to follow.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley provides, in a safe environment, programs that inspire, educate, guide, and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. The Club has 3,130 active members, and attendance exceeds 520 children per day. Yet the demand continues. The Club has six buses picking up children at grammar schools throughout the Valley. The vans are full, and there are waiting lists for children who want and need a structured program each day after school or during the summer. The Ansonia Project was developed to meet this demand in the Valley. This new facility will serve another 2,000 children, to keep another 500 children per day off the streets.

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