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Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse Grand Opening – May 21, 2009

Who: The Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley in partnership with its collaborative partners, the Valley YMCA and the City of Ansonia Fire Department will host a Grand Opening Ceremony at the Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse, Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley in conjunction with the opening of this 35,000 sq. ft. facility.

When/Where: Grand Opening Ceremony

Thursday, May 21, 2009, 4:00 PM. Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley 28 Howard Avenue Ansonia, CT 06401

Tentative Agenda:

See Attached Program Agenda

Background:

Info:

The Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse (formerly referred to as The Ansonia Project: Serving the Lower Naugatuck Valley) is being funded by the generosity of local donors, foundations, together with both federal and state grants. The project's Comprehensive Campaign has reached a commitment of \$5.3M towards its campaign goal of \$6.4M. The construction that kicked off in October 2007 resulted in the phased conversion of the previous Pine Willis Technical High School into a state-of-the-art Boys & Girls Club Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse, a Valley YMCA Creative Play Preschool and a City of Ansonia Fire Department Fire Apparatus Museum and Training Facility.