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GREAT FUTURES START HERE: EXCEPTIONAL DERBY TEEN WINS YOUTH OF THE YEAR HONOR FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE LOWER NAUGATUCK VALLEY

Tasia Nieves to Now Vie for State Title and Scholarship

Shelton, CT, March 1, 2012 – Selected among several local outstanding youth, Tasia Nieves will compete against other Boys & Girls Club members for the Connecticut Youth of the Year title and a \$1,000 college scholarship from Tupperware Brands Corporation. As the new Youth of the Year for Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley, 18-year old Nieves is a true example of an extraordinary young woman recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for her sound character, leadership skills, and willingness to give back to the community.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. As BGCA's premier youth recognition program, Youth of the Year recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community, and Boys & Girls Club, as well as overcoming personal challenges and obstacles. Youth of the Year encourages Club members to reach their full potential by achieving academic success, leading healthy lifestyles, and contributing to their communities. Youth of the Year honorees are shining examples and living proof that great futures start at Boys & Girls Clubs.

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If Nieves wins at the state competition, she will compete for the title of Northeast Region Youth of the Year and an additional \$10,000 scholarship from Tupperware, the recognition program's national sponsor. Five regional winners will advance to Washington, D.C., in September, 2012, to compete for the title of BGC;s National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year will receive an additional scholarship of up to \$50,000 from The Rick and Susan Goings Foundation and will have the opportunity to meet with the President of the United States in the White House.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley, visit us at www.BGC-LNV.com.

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