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**Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich Brightens Facility
with Help from Eversource and Energize Connecticut**

Estimated \$41,000 in annual savings for local nonprofit

GREENWICH, Conn. – May 2, 2017 – The Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich (BGCG) recently worked with Eversource on a series of energy efficiency improvements to their lighting and ventilation systems.

“BGCG wanted to preserve the historic feel of their building but looked to us for help with enhancing and upgrading their outdated equipment,” said Ron Araujo, Manager of Energy Efficiency, Eversource. “Together, we identified lighting replacements and HVAC modifications that would give them the greatest return on investment.”

“For quite some time, we knew this building was leaking energy everywhere,” said Bobby Walker, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich. “Our HVAC system was inefficient, our lighting was dim, and our bulbs were using lots of energy.”

Eversource-authorized contractor, Controlled Air, Inc, replaced the existing lighting with LEDs, and variable frequency drive controls were installed to manage the speed and energy usage put out by the HVAC fans. Now, BGCG is expected to see \$41,000 in annual savings.

“We’ll make our money invested into the project back in under two years. For a non-profit, that’s huge,” Walker explained. “Plus, the money saved on energy will allow us to improve the overall experience for members of our Club, who are kids, and remain the positive place of choice for families.”

He added, “The atmosphere in the building is brighter. Members always comment on the new and improved lighting in the hallways and rooms. It’s more comfortable for all of us.”

State Representatives Mike Bocchino and Fred Camillo, along with Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei, recently joined Eversource to see BGCG’s energy efficiency first-hand.

“I used to come here as a youth, and I remember not being able to see the ball when I played hockey. When I saw the new, energy-efficient lights go on today, I was amazed,” Representative Bocchino said. “This is a historic yet valuable facility in our community. We need it; our kids need it. Partnerships with Eversource will allow incredible savings year-after-year, which will be huge for this important organization.”

BGCG plans to look at additional energy-efficient opportunities. “Our current boilers are effective but not efficient, so that’s something we have an eye on for the future,” Walker noted.

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PHOTO CAPTION (from left to right): State Representative Mike Bocchino; Dave Marroney, Contractor, Controlled Air., Inc; Bobby Walker, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich; Ron Araujo, Manager of Energy Efficiency, Eversource; and State Representative Fred Camillo.

About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the State of Connecticut, the Connecticut Green Bank, Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at EnergizeCT.com.

About Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich

Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich aims to provide an outstanding experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors. We offer an extensive and comprehensive array of recreational and academic programs to members ages 6-18, for just \$50 per year. The Club is located in a state-of-the-art facility which serves as the town's leading provider of athletic leagues and competitive teams; we offer indoor and outdoor summer camps as well as school-year programming. For more than 100 years, Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich, a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, has provided high-quality programming which builds character and citizenship and offers kids a safe, nurturing, affordable environment in which to succeed. Each year, we provide opportunities ranging from swimming lessons to homework help to hundreds of underserved children, allowing



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their parents to work a full day without worry. **The mission of the Club is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.** To learn more about how **GREAT FUTURES START [HERE](#)** visit BGCG.ORG or connect with us @BGCGKIDS on Facebook and Twitter.

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