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Teen Spirits Haunt Old Everett High this Halloween

EVERETT, MA – October 14, 2009 Old Everett High isn't haunted -- usually. On Thursday, October 29, the teens of the Everett Boys and Girls Club will bring ghostly fun to the halls of the old high school. All of Everett is invited to the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) Haunted House for safe activities for younger kids and teens.

Families with kids ages 3 to 12 are welcome from 3 to 5 p.m. on October 29th to enjoy snacks, prizes and crafts. The teens of Everett's BGC are planning the Haunted House to invite Everett's young residents into the Clubhouse. "Lots of kids in my neighborhood want to come to the Club, but they're not teens yet," said Steven Bernard, a member of the Club's Keystone leadership council.

Inspiration for the Haunted House came from this summer's Community Dinner program, when the Club provided free dinner to any Everett resident under 18. The teens decided that it was important to create another opportunity for the Everett community to come to Club. "Our teen members have been the driving force behind the Haunted House," said Phil Kolling, Everett Club Director.

The Club is already busy with preparations for the Haunted House. Special sound effects emanate from the digital music lab. Tombstones and paper bats lurk in the corners of the art room.

Sponsors of the Haunted House will include Target, a long-standing and valued partner of the Everett Clubhouse, and Stop and Shop.

Open since March 2009, the Everett Teen Clubhouse provides after-school programming for Everett residents ages 13 to 18. Dance, art and music programs, along with career and academic advice and tutoring are available every school day from 3 to 7 p.m.

About the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middlesex County

Boys and Girls Clubs of Middlesex County is a non-profit organization founded in 1973. BGCMC serves over 5,000 youth between the ages of 6 to 19 in Medford, Cambridge, Somerville and Everett, Massachusetts. The youth facilities offer programs and services that promote and enhance the development of children by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, influence and belonging. Trained Youth Professionals lead 5 core programs in: Character & Leadership, Development, Arts, Sports, Fitness and Recreation, Health and Life Skills, and Education and Career Development. BGCMC is open during the critical non-school hours of 2:30 p.m. to 7:30p.m. (hours vary by Clubhouse). Dues are kept low and no child is ever turned away due to financial circumstances.

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