Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo Names Jim Ravas as Chief Executive Officer

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TOLEDO, OH – July 7, 2020 - Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo (BGCT) announced today that the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees has unanimously named Jim Ravas as the next Chief Executive Officer effective August 3, 2020. BGCT conducted their search process with the assistance of Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s CEO Search Team.

John Miller, Senior Vice President at Boys & Girls Clubs of America said, “On behalf of all of us at BGCA, I am very happy to welcome Jim Ravas as the new CEO for Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo. As the Toledo community navigates difficult times, I am confident Jim is the right person to lead the organization. I look forward to the many ways that his talent, experience, and passion for serving youth will create lasting impact for the children and teens who need us most.”

Jim has over 25-years of experience within Fortune 500 as well as privately held and start-up organizations. Throughout his career, Jim has been a mission-driven leader, serving in senior and executive positions, allowing him to be a part of building teams, identifying opportunities, empowering people, fostering a positive culture and environment, while growing as an organization. Jim is a firm believer in being a part of something bigger than himself, creating a sustainable impact for team members within an organization and those they serve.

Jim attended the University of Toledo, earning both a Bachelor of Business Administration in Organizational Development and a Master of Business Administration in Finance and Marketing. His professional career includes leadership roles in organizations, some of which include LCI International, Nationwide, CoreComm, and most recently Johnson Controls. Jim’s skillsets include strategic planning and implementation, change management, transformation, strategic marketing and sales, all while fostering a positive work environment within the organization. Jim understands the value of hard work and
believes it is important that good leadership inspires others to strive to be true to themselves within the team.

Jim believes in paying it forward for others, serving on non-profit boards within our community including Flower Hospital, Toledo Children’s Hospital, Ft. Meigs YMCA and Way Public Library. Jim’s volunteer work includes coaching CYO basketball and cross country as well as soccer at the YMCA. He is also an active member of the Knights of Columbus at Saint John XXIII Parish in Perrysburg, Ohio. Jim, a native of Toledo, lives with his wife, Elizabeth, and their three kids in Perrysburg.

For Jim, the BGCT opportunity is an honor, “The role of CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo provides me an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people while serving our community in a greater capacity. I believe all young people are a precious gift and deserve to have the opportunity to reach their greatest potential. I am humbled to be selected for this very important role and I look forward to engaging our community, working with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo’s team, including the staff and Board, to advocate for and make great things happen for these young people.”

As CEO, Jim’s responsibilities include leading the organization’s strategic direction, oversight of organizational operations, financials, programming, brand reputation, talent recruitment, resource development, and stakeholder relationships. The CEO also serves as the organization’s primary ambassador and lead communicator. Jim, in partnership with his team, will oversee the organization’s four locations. The CEO reports to BGCT Board President, Brian Epstein.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo:
Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo has been serving youth since 1892. It is one of the original 53 Clubs that now make up the more than 4,000 Club Federation of Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Today, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo offers building-centric programs targeted to disadvantaged youth. The staff and trustees truly believe that GREAT FUTURES START HERE at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo. They are open to children ages 7-18 for a nominal membership fee; however, no child is turned away. Building self-esteem and instilling self-confidence in members are two priorities of the organization. These factors have a definite impact on how youngsters respond to negative peer pressure.

At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo, we have a bold vision: Success is within the reach of every child. We believe every boy and girl deserves a safe place to learn and grown; ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals; life-enhancing programs, character development experiences, and hope and opportunity for the future.

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