

BP Presents \$250,000 check to Boys & Girls Club September 20, 2007

The BP Foundation presented the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County a check for \$250,000 on September 20, 2007. This donation is the company's contribution to the "Campaign for Kids," the \$4.5 million capital campaign of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County.



The presentation was made in Ferndale with Washington Governor Christine Gregoire, Whatcom County Executive Pete Kremen, State Representative Doug Ericksen and Ferndale Mayor Jerry Landcastle amongst the large crowd at the ceremony.

Ward Fridrich, manager of BP Global Fuels Technology Northwest, made the presentation on behalf of the BP Foundation. "This is one of the largest single contributions in the history of the company," Fridrich told the audience. "It is our pleasure to make this gift in recognition of the need and good works of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Whatcom County."

The centerpiece of the "Campaign for Kids" will be a new Ferndale Boys & Girls Club. The Clubhouse was devastated by fire on New Years Day, and the Ferndale Club is currently operating in interim space at the Whatcom New Life Assembly.

Last spring Governor Gregoire signed two state grants for the Ferndale project totaling \$1,063,000. Total cost of the new Ferndale Club, slated to open in 2009-2010, is estimated at \$3.0 million. The fundraising campaign runs for the next two years. At the following reception, the Governor remarked that the "Ferndale Boys & Girls Club is vital to this community's children and future."

"This is a great example of a four way partnership," commented Lynn Templeton, Executive Director/CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County. "We have the City of Ferndale, the State of Washington, BP Cherry Point Refinery and the Boys & Girls Clubs all working together. That kind of synergy produces outstanding results."