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Winning Home Announces First Annual “Grantee of the Year” Award The James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn earns the \$10,000 honor

WOBURN, January 8, 2026 — The Woburn-based charitable organization Winning Home has named the James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn “Grantee of the Year,” an honor that comes with a special grant of \$10,000. The award, to be made annually beginning this year, goes to a Winning Home grantee that embodies the 125-year-old organization’s dedication to the well-being of children.

“When Winning Home became a grant-making organization in 1996, the James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club was among our first grantees,” said Joseph R. Tarby III, president of the Winning Home Board of Directors. “In recognition of their ongoing work for young people, we have continued to fund this invaluable organization, and we are pleased to recognize their success and effectiveness with our first “Grantee of the Year” award. The Club represents the kind of long-term commitment to the younger generation that is at the heart of our grant-making,” he added.

“All of us at the James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn are truly honored and humbled to be named the inaugural Grantee of the Year by Winning Home,” said Julie A. Gage, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Woburn, noting that the award honors a special relationship between Winning Home and the Boys & Girls Club. “The two organizations have been partners for more than five decades, dating back to when the Woburn Boys Club operated its summer day camp at Winning Farm. Today,” she said, “Winning Home is one of our largest foundation supporters, and we are inspired by all they do for children throughout so many communities.”

Located on Charles Gardner Lane in Woburn, the James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club serves young people in Woburn and surrounding communities with a mission “to inspire youth to find their greatness.” According to its website, the organization works to create strong, healthy relationships; provide a positive, safe and fun environment; build youth ownership; and provide unlimited opportunities to learn and be great.

Winning Home has been one of the Club’s most dedicated supporters, making grants of \$100,000 annually for the past decade and over \$2 million total since Winning Home’s conversion to a grant-maker. In honoring the McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn with the

Grantee of the Year award, Winning Home cited the Club's before-and-after-school programs, its spacious facility which includes a swimming pool, game rooms, comfortable spaces for students to do homework together, educational programs, and safe places to play, socialize, and have fun that draw hundreds of young people to the Club every year.

Winning Home, Inc., is a private, non-profit charitable organization that provides services and support to economically, socially, physically, emotionally or mentally handicapped or disadvantaged children and their families. Established in 1898 through a legacy of Woburn resident William H. Winning, and currently a grant-making organization, Winning Home has served the needs of disadvantaged youth for more than a century. Winning Home is a 501(c)3 organization. Information at www.winninghome.org