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TCNA MEMBERS DONATE TILED BENCHES TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

The Tile Council of North America, Inc. (TCNA) and eight TCNA members donated tiled benches to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago (BGCC) and the Union League Boys & Girls Clubs (ULBGC) on Thursday, April 19th during Coverings 2007 in Chicago, IL.

Eight TCNA members - GranitiFiandre (Itasca, IL), Interstyle Ceramic and Glass, Ltd. (Burnaby BC, Canada), Meredith Collection/Ironrock (Canton, OH), JSC Oceana (Jeannette, PA), Motawi Tileworks (Ann Arbor, MI), Oceanside Glasstile Co. (Carlsbad, CA), Shenfeld Studio (Syracuse, NY), and Trikeenan Tileworks, Inc. (Keene, NH) designed and installed colorful tiles on Wedi bench forms donated by Wedi Corp. and TCNA.

“We are proud of our members, as each bench represents a significant artistic achievement and a real commitment of resources. Our members have generously donated their time, their materials, and their labor to make these works of art something the children of Chicago can enjoy for years to come,” remarked Eric Astrachan, TCNA’s Executive Director.

“At our Clubs, the benches will be used in the Boys & Girls Club's Kids Cafe. Each day after school, we serve hot meals to over 500 children in the Kids Cafe Program. The benches will be a great addition to our Boys & Girls Clubs,” remarked Kelly Considine, Director of Development at the ULBGC. In 2006 ULBGC's four clubs and camp served 9,945 youth, ages 6-18, in some of Chicago's least educated and highest poverty, crime, and minority community areas.

“The tiled benches donated to the clubs are going to be a great addition to the outdoor playground at the Valentine Boys & Girls Club,” said Erin Rochford, Program Director, Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago: Louis L. Valentine Unit.

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Today, Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago (BGCC) provides services through 31 locations (8 facility-based Club sites; 20 school-based sites; and 3 childcare-only locations) with a professional staff of just under 300. Clubs are packed with an average daily attendance of 3,100 children at any given time.

The Boys & Girls Clubs in the Chicago area have a mission to enable all young people, especially those who need help the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

The impact of these clubs is immeasurable.

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