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**G&E|PC Donates \$30,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs  
of Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth**

Grand Rapids, Michigan (February 25, 2008) – Grubb & Ellis|Paramount Commerce has donated \$30,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth.

The largest commercial estate firm in West Michigan raised the money during 2007 through a series of fundraisers, including contributions from staff in order to wear jeans on Friday and a special breakfast event. Most of the 85+ advisors and staff members also donated funds to the annual charity event, with G&E|PC matching the entire donation.

The funds will be used for capital innovations to the organization's two youth clubs in Grand Rapids. The donation, which will be presented March 12, also fulfills the club's requirement to secure a matching grant from the DeVos Foundation for the renovations.

"We are extremely grateful for the support of Grubb & Ellis|Paramount Commerce," said Bob Kaminski, board president for the Boys & Girls Clubs. "These funds are being utilized to make our clubs more 'kid friendly' and to meet the standards of the national Boys & Girls Clubs.

"The work we do can make a vital difference in the life of a child. We appreciate the generosity of all the associates and advisors from G&E|PC, whose wonderful contributions will allow us to deliver the programming needed to help boys and girls become responsible, productive and caring citizens."

The Boys & Girls Club traces its roots in Grand Rapids to 1938, when Superintendent of Police Frank O'Malley started the Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth. That organization recently affiliated with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to offer programs and services to children ages 8-18 that promote and enhance development by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

After-school and summer programs are centered on five areas: citizenry and leadership, arts, health and life skills, education and careers, and sports, fitness and recreation.

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“We are pleased to support the fine work of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth,” said Duke Suwyn, SIOR, CCIM, president and CEO of G&E|PC. “As an organization, we are committed to giving back to the communities in which we live and work through annual fundraising events such as this, as well as ongoing opportunities.”

### **About Grubb & Ellis|Paramount Commerce:**

Grubb & Ellis|Paramount Commerce is the largest commercial real estate firm in West Michigan, with offices in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Grand Haven and Holland. Leading market knowledge and technological resources support individual teams of specialists representing Industrial, Office, Retail and Investment/Land markets, Corporate Account and Property Management services to provide a full range of strategic, customized client solutions. For more information, visit [www.gepc.com](http://www.gepc.com).

### **About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth**

Founded in 1938 by Grand Rapids Superintendent of Police Frank O’Malley, Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth engages youth in building positive and meaningful relationships with police officers, staff and adults through programs in the areas of recreation, education, leadership development, healthy life skills, arts, education and positive community services. Boys & Girls Clubs offer programs and services that promote and enhance development by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

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