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Ross Stores Lend Support to Local Boys & Girls Club *Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida Receives Funds to Enhance Power Hour Program*

Orlando, FL. (November 23, 2009) – Ross Stores, Inc., the popular American-based clothing retailer, is partnering with the West Sanford Branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida (BGCCF), to enhance the Club's Power Hour: Making Minutes Count Program.

Committed to helping youth excel academically and graduate from high school, Ross Stores has awarded the West Sanford Branch in Seminole County \$6,000 to help upgrade the Club's Learning Center, as well as purchase important educational materials and tools needed to operate the growing Power Hour Program. A part of BGCCF's Education and Career Development core program area, Power Hour is a comprehensive and interactive homework help and tutoring program designed to raise the academic proficiency of Club members ages 6-18.

Thanks to Ross Stores' support and dedication to academic achievement, the West Sanford Branch will be able to provide additional services and meet the scholastic needs of members attending the Club on a daily basis.

In addition, as a national sponsor of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Power Hour Program, Ross Stores is underwriting the implementation of the Power Hour Program at selected Boys & Girls Clubs across the United States. The West Sanford Branch of BGCCF is grateful to be one of the chosen few for this meaningful opportunity.

About Ross Stores:

Ross Stores, Inc., a Fortune 500 and Nasdaq 100 (ROST) company headquartered in Pleasanton, Calif., is the nation's second largest off-price retailer with fiscal 2008 revenues of \$6.5 billion. As of May 2, 2009, the Company operated 922 Ross Dress for Less® ("Ross") stores and 52 dd's DISCOUNTS® locations. Ross offers first-quality, in-season, name brand and designer apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family at everyday savings of 20 to 60 percent off department and specialty store regular prices. dd's DISCOUNTS features a more moderately-priced assortment of first-quality, in-season, name brand apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family at everyday savings of 20 to 70 percent off moderate department and discount store regular prices. Additional information is available at www.rossstores.com.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida:

The BGCCF mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. For more information or to find out how you can support the BGCCF movement, call 407.841.6855 or visit www.bgccf.org.

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