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## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER WASHINGTON OFFERS SUPPORT FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL BASEBALL SHOOTING INCIDENT**

**WASHINGTON, DC, (JUNE 14, 2017)**— Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington is shocked and saddened to learn of a shooting at a practice for the Congressional Baseball Game for Charity this morning in Alexandria, VA. Our heartfelt thoughts go out to Majority Whip Steve Scalise, the US Capitol Police, Congressional Staff and others who were injured this morning.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington has been a beneficiary of the Congressional Baseball Game for decades. Funding from the Congressional Baseball Game for Charity supports quality out of school time programming that helps provide a great future for thousands of children in Washington, DC. This morning's attack on a bipartisan, apolitical, charitable event is especially troubling.

Representative Steve Scalise, his fellow members of Congress, their staffs and Capitol Police were on the field this morning not only to warm up for the charity event, but also as a sign of their commitment to helping youth who need them the most.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington is especially grateful for the courageous actions of the U.S. Capitol Police, Alexandria Police Department and other first responders who surely saved the lives of many innocent people attending this morning's baseball practice.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington wishes all those injured a full and speedy recovery. BGCWG would also like to publically thank those who have generously made donations in honor of those affected by the incident.

### ***About Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington***

*The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington is to help boys and girls of all backgrounds, especially those who need us most, build confidence, develop character and acquire the skills needed to become productive, civic-minded, responsible adults. BGCWG serves over 15,000 youth annually in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia. For more information, visit us <http://www.bgcgw.org>.*

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