BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NEW RIVER VALLEY

May 2, 2011

Ms. Valerie Tweedie
Treasurer
Town of Christiansburg
100 East Main Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Dear Ms. Tweedie,

First, our thanks to the Town of Christiansburg for continued support of our clubs. With your support the Boys & Girls Clubs of New River Valley has been serving area youth for over five years now. We had an average daily attendance of 42 for the 2009-2010 school year, and this year our average daily attendance is 51. As you can tell, we are continuing to grow.

When I visit the Club in Christiansburg, I can see our Mission Statement in action, ***"To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens."*** We have a fantastic, diverse group of young men and women who plan a variety of programs each day for children after school, from 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Some of the programs include Power Hour (homework/tutoring program), Fitness Authority, Career Explorers, Smart Moves, The Arts, Torch Club (character and leadership program), Photography Club, Gang Prevention, Technology and much more.

Through the continued support of the Town of Christiansburg, our program will be able to offer hope and opportunity for our youth and their families. We know that students who attend our after school programs improve in their academic performance, have fewer school absences and reduced discipline problems as a result of their participation in our Clubs. Involvement with Boys & Girls Clubs also reduces the number of juvenile crimes and experimentation with sex, drugs and alcohol. Our programs help young people to develop a sense of competence, usefulness, belongingness and a sense of power and influence. When children feel good about themselves and are respected, they act more responsibly. We are so proud of the work we do with our Christiansburg Club kids and how they continue to grow in our club.

***We would like to request our 2011-2012 allocation of $7,500.00 from the Town of Christiansburg.***

The kindness and generosity of this community make it possible for the Boys & Girls Clubs of New River Valley to provide a safe place for youth to learn and grow.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 540.904.7401 or email me at dgoode@bgcswva.org.

Serving Youth,

Daria Goode

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Director of Development