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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS HONORS GALE DIGIORGIO WITH INAUGURAL DASHAWAY AWARD

ROCK HILL, S.C. – The Boys & Girls Clubs of York County gave its inaugural Dashaway Award to one of its board members, Winthrop First Lady Gale DiGiorgio.

The award was given May 23 at the Richardson Ballroom at Winthrop’s DiGiorgio Campus Center before a crowd of 200 agency friends and supporters.

“Gale’s steadfast devotion to the children of our community makes her a most fitting recipient of this special award,” said David Carriker, Boys & Girls Clubs executive director.

DiGiorgio has spent her career as a lifelong advocate for students. During her 24 years as first lady, she has participated in many university activities and in Rock Hill community organizations, such as the United Way, YMCA, Communities in Schools, Arts Council of York County and York County Alliance for Children. DiGiorgio also served as dean of students at Arcadia University and as a student affairs professional at The College of New Jersey before moving to Rock Hill.

At this Inaugural Awards Banquet, the agency celebrated its own work such as the doubling of its membership, its focus on community partnerships, promotion of healthy lifestyles and advancement of student academic and civic achievement.

Boys & Girls Club members also recognized the 2013 Youth of the Year, Omari Alleyne, a Rock Hill High senior who will attend The Citadel and then enlist in the U.S. Air Force.

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