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Markel Insurance Selected as Underwriting Partner by Boys & Girls Club of America and Offers 17.5% Commission for New Business

Richmond, VA, May 18, 2010 – Markel Insurance announced today that it has been selected by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) to operate as the exclusive carrier for a countrywide property and casualty insurance program to help Boys & Girls Clubs control costs and more readily obtain optimal coverage. Frank Crystal & Company, Inc., a privately-held insurance brokerage firm, was engaged by BGCA as a risk advisor to help administer and grow the program.

The program was designed to help establish recommended guidelines for adequate insurance protection and risk management initiatives for Boys & Girls Clubs across the country. All affiliated Boys & Girls Clubs in the United States, except those located in Hawaii, are eligible. The program offers enhanced bundles of Markel's coverages and coverage extensions for property, general liability, auto, umbrella/excess liability, crime, and inland marine.

Markel also announced 17.5% commission for new Boys & Girls Club, Camp, and Child Care Center business with quoted account premium over \$5,000 through December 31, 2010. New business includes accounts not written by Markel in the last 18 months. Standard agency commission rates apply upon renewal.

Thomas K. Smith, Managing Director of Markel Specialty, stated, "Existing relationships between Boys & Girls Clubs and Markel's network of agencies will not change. For producers, the program's goal is to enable more efficient production and servicing of BGCA clients with the goal of increasing agency revenue volume."

An additional mission of the collaboration is to track and evaluate loss control trend data from a large pool of clubs. The data will drive development of educational programs and risk alerts to assist Boys & Girls Clubs in reducing the risk of loss and to manage rates and premium charges for them.

Markel has over 60 years of underwriting experience, risk management and loss control services, and youth-related claims expertise to support Boys & Girls Clubs and their local insurance agencies. More information about the program can be found at www.markelinsurance.com.

ABOUT MARKEL INSURANCE COMPANY

A subsidiary of Markel Corporation, Markel Insurance Company underwrites commercial lines coverages for a variety of niche markets including a wide range of non-profit social service agencies; camps; child care centers; youth recreation centers; private schools; museums and historic homes; and dance, gymnastics, and martial arts schools. The company also underwrites horse and farm programs, as well as special-risk accident and health insurance. Markel Risk Solutions offers unique individual account solutions for commercial lines producers. Visit Markel Insurance Company on the web at www.markelinsurance.com.