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## Young artists enter first annual comic creation contest

*Boys and Girls Club of Greater Green Bay graphic arts program takes 1st place  
Celestial category at the Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge*

**GREEN BAY, Wis. (Wednesday, October 3)** – Nine young graphic artists at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay and their teacher, Craig Knitt, recently took part in the Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Competition in Oshkosh, Wis. on Saturday, September 28.

The pieces are all part of a collaborative graphic novel entitled, *Drawing from our Lives*, and is an original comic book collection of true stories from each artists' lives, whose ages range from 8 to 17. This two-year project illustrates a variety of short stories, such as overcoming fears, favorite life experiences, sports mishaps and learning from our mistakes.

Graphic Arts Director Craig Knitt, whose entry won the Celestial category (age 18+), believes this award legitimizes the high-quality arts programming that takes place at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay.

Knitt says, "I am thrilled to be directing an art program that centers its creativity and attention towards our kids. As their teacher, this award shows them that our teachers do have the skills and knowledge to teach and guide them to fulfill their potential."

The graphic arts program is a part of the Youth Arts Initiative that offers a variety of programs instructed by working professionals in their respected fields to stimulate learning, inspire creativity and encourage self-expression.

The Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Competition was started in honor of local comic legend, Mark Gruenwald, who was an Oshkosh native and later became an executive editor for comic giant Marvel.

**Media note:** Photo attached.

**Photo Caption:** Club Member Anna W. shows her comic book story from the winning collaboration with Graphic Arts Director Craig Knitt and Spiderman in Oshkosh, Wis.

### **About Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay**

*[The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay](#), 1451 University Ave., believes every child deserves to be in an environment that brings out the very best in them. For more than 50*

*years, the Club has provided youth aged 7-18 with a safe place to learn and grow during out-of-school hours, while also opening the door to positive relationships with caring adult professionals and life-changing opportunities through educational programs. The Club has six locations throughout greater Green Bay where memberships are available for only \$10 per year. For more information, please visit [www.bgcgb.org](http://www.bgcgb.org). You can also find us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)!*

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