



Inner City Youth Golfers' Incorporated

Press Release

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“Bahamas to Receive Golf Donation from Malachi Knowles, ICYG”

Riviera Beach, FL (USA), June 27, 2007: This “Bahamian Connection” started when ICYG Founder Malachi Knowles realized in the very early forties that “the best, most caring and providing man, Joseph Knowles” was married to his Mother, Mary. Daddy Joe as he was affectionately known was born in Long Island, The Bahamas. Joe and Mary united in West Palm Beach, FL.

“He always spoke affectionately to me about his country before his passing July 1976,” said Malachi. I have for not one moment forgotten the homeland stories that he shared, particularly the ones that included things that he wish he could have done.

Though, in 2006, Inner City Youth Golfers’, Inc. (ICYG), was invited to be the third youth golf program so that an international triangle of programs could be established including the Bahamas Golf Federation (BGF) by Langston Legacy Youth Golf Foundation President Jimmy Garvin. Historic Langston Golf Course, Washington, DC was built in 1939 so that Negroes could have some place to play golf. Garvin indicated that ICYG was a perfect fit because we shared the same motto, “golf is the carrot and education is the key.”

Like Jim Thorpe, ICYG National Advisory Board Chairman & PGA Champion Tour Golfer, Garvin has donated youth scholarship funds to the BGF through his tournament which was held in Freeport, Bahamas during the period January 12-15, 2007. It was there during “golf fellowship” on Dr. King’s birth date that BGF President Agather M. Delancy and Knowles met. BGF youth golfers had participated in the “Inaugural Diplomatic Youth Golf Challenge” which was hosted by ICYG during the period November 3-5, 2006 in the Palm Beaches.

Delancy shared with Knowles that BGF was in the process of establishing a golf training center. Malachi’s immediate instinct he recalled was “we will donate some equipment to get you started.” His decision to donate the equipment was because they had an immediate need and ICYG could provide support for the children of his father’s native country.

Since January 2007, Malachi plotted ways that his wife Essie, ICYG Executive Director and he could get the equipment to Nassau. On May 28, 2007, Agatha was inducted into the African American Golfers Hall of Fame (AAGHOF) at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Mr. Knowles promised she and other BGF members who were present to witness her induction during his induction closing remarks that his friend of more than ten years, Sidney F. Dinerstein, a

retired New York businessman would help him get the equipment to Nassau. Sid also served as the “Honorary Co-Chair of the 3rd Annual Celebration.”

Sid and he met on May 30, 2007 to develop a strategy for getting the clubs to Nassau. He called on his friend Marcus Flagg (Boca Raton) who is a pilot and Peter Feaman, Esq. Boca Raton, FL. Marcus shared with IBC that he had a need to have a donation of approximately 700 golf clubs, a few bags and some range balls from ICYG delivered to Nassau in the AM of June 27, 2007 to help support the opening of their first – “BGF Youth Golf Academy.” IBC graciously agreed to donate ALL of the freight service to get the equipment from its Miami terminal to the Millionaire Terminal, Nassau, Bahamas Airport.

Messrs. Flagg, Feaman and Dinerstein stated that “they helped ICYG because of their belief in its ultimate mission.” “ICYG uses golf as a catalyst to get its youth to focus on their studies and stay out of trouble (using drugs and being involved in any criminal acts).” They, like Malachi Knowles, feel that an educated child will not be a problem in our society. The etiquette of golf influences our young adults to do the right thing. Golf instills honesty, integrity, confidence & morals. The importance of morals and values are a necessity in the daily lives of our youth. Morals and values focus on the principles of right and wrong along with the standards of behavior. To instill morals and values in our youth is essential to molding their characters. Stated Feaman, “it is their hope that this small gesture will help the youth who use the Academy to become free-thinking, productive, prosperous citizens.”

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