



## Inner City Youth Golfers' Incorporated

Press Release

### “PBC Sports Commission Kids Fitness Festival A Huge Success”

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Riviera Beach (USA) July 11, 2009: The Palm Beach County Sports Commission produced another successful Kids' Fitness Festival of the Palm Beaches at the Americraft Expo Center at the South Florida Fairgrounds on July 16 and 17, 2009. Chairman of the Kids' Fitness Festival, Jeff Zipper from the Private Client Group – National City/PNC, stated “The event drew over 5,000 kids over the two days and was a great success. Children ranging in age from 5 to 13 had the opportunity to learn and participate in over 40 different sport clinics, partake in midway games, interact with several professional athletes, meet and greet with various mascots.”

Zipper further commented, “The event could not be the success that it has become without the help of our community partners and sponsors. This year alone we were able to, with the help of Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc., give scholarships to eight camps with over 800 kids to attend the event at a discounted rate. Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. also supported the festival by helping offset the ticket costs for unemployed families to attend the event. Not to mention the 250 plus volunteers who donate their time and expertise for the two days. This is what makes the event so unique and valuable to the youth of Palm Beach County.” Indeed, the two day Festival at the Americraft Expo Center gave children from South Florida the opportunity to learn and participate in over 40 different traditional and non-traditional sports clinics to get hands on experience and develop skills in areas such as archery, badminton, baseball, basketball, bowling, chess, cheerleading, cricket, dance, fencing, field hockey, fishing, football, golf, hockey, judo, karate, lacrosse, netball, paint ball, power lifting, rugby, running, soccer, squash, tennis, tae kwon do, surfing and many more. Each clinic is conducted by a professional from that sports area. The clinicians share techniques, enhance skills and provide an introduction to their sport.



Other standouts at this year's event were the U.S.A. National Netball team, professional basketball trainer James Taylor and his organization Taylored Athletes, Jay Howard a professional driver for Palm Beach International Raceway Firestone Indy Lights car, and the AMF race team with their boat, Miss Gieco, a 52 foot catamaran that goes over 200 miles per hour. Golf Clinician, ICYG was cited by Event Manager, George Linley, Palm Beach County Sports Commission as having the best “mini clinic.” Each of the youth and counselors received their signature “Say No To Drugs – Say Yes To Education, Culture & Golf” goody bags and other prizes for their participation. The Kids Fitness Festival is presented by Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida and supported by several area companies such as ESPN Radio 760, KOOL 105.5, Florida Marlins Community Foundation, Parenting Plus, Inner City Youth Golfers', Inc./Palm Beach County Sheriff, Ric L. Bradshaw; Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc.; Clewis Wright, Jr. & Associates, Inc.; the Palm Beach Post and The Westside Gazette Newspaper.



Again, CONGRATULATIONS to ICYG, the Palm Beach County Sports Commission, other clinicians, sponsors and volunteers from Palm Beach County Commissioner Priscilla Taylor (District 7) and the entire Westside Gazette newspaper family.

Photos by Esmeralda H. Knowles – Cutlines:(1) (r ) PBC Sports Commission Executive Director, Gerry Barron joined the Westgate Elementary School Summer Campers, West Palm Beach, FL after finishing their golf experience with ICYG Director of Education, Gladys E. Harris, Assistant Principal at Westgate (c ) and ICYG Director of Golf, Clewis Wright, Jr.(1) & (2) Lake Park, FL Summer Campers with ICYG volunteers.