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Press Release

“Ten Community Giants Celebrated By ICYG”

“Hudnell Community Pictorial Exhibit Featured”

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Palm Beach Gardens, FL (USA), February 13, 2010: ICYG celebrated its “2010 Community Giants” during its “9th Annual Community Giants Reception & Auction” at the Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., February 12, 2010. Executive Director, Esmeralda H. Knowles stated “we will celebrate Black History Month and the Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s Birthdate while honoring our Giants.”

ICYG Pee Wee Division President, Jordan A. Riley, Palm Beach Gardens Elementary School and Jermaine R. L. Sims, Washington Elementary School led the participants in the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag” and Hyacinthia Becton, Executive Director, St. George’s Center, Inc. provided the invocation.

This year’s reception featured the outstanding “Hudnell Community Pictorial Exhibit.” This rich history from the early 30’s has pictorially been preserved by Mrs. Ineria Hudnell. Some of her vast work will be on display. The “2010 ICYG Giants” are as follows:

“2010 FOUNDERS AWARD”

ARMAND R. NAULT, Professional Fire Fighters/Paramedics of Palm Beach County, Inc., IAFF Local 2928 - “For many years of dedicated legislative work for ALL of our communities and support to ICYG”

DAVID C. PRATHER, ESQ., Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain & Williams - “For years of quiet and untiring support to many, many organizations in our greater community”

CARLTON A. R. WADE, President, “B”ING THE BEST, INC., Lake Park, FL - “For your love and support of programs both here and abroad that are dedicated to children”

“2010 LEADERSHIP AWARD”

THE HONORABLE ISAAC “IKE” ROBINSON, JR., Commissioner, District 2, West Palm Beach, FL - “For untiring community service to ‘The Least of These’ in our community”

THE HONORABLE JESS R. SANTAMARIA, Commissioner, Palm Beach County, FL, District 6 - “For continuous service to humanity, dedication to problem solving and support of youth programs”

THE HONORABLE JOSEPH R. RUSSO, Mayor, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. - “For continued dedicated visionary service to your community and work for the good of our youth”

“2010 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

ROGER D. AMIDON, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council - “For continued support of all youth programs resulting from your dedication and professional skills in marketing and development of our county”

CARTHEDA T. MANN, President, Glades Area N.A.A.C.P., “For fighting for the rights of all and many years of work in the trenches for jobs, equality, housing and especially education”

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL NORTHSIDE CHAPTER WEST PALM BEACH, INC., Lee A. Hooks, President - “When you give a child a chance to learn, experience, dream, and succeed, great things happen! Northside is but one part of Kiwanis International, a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world - one community and one child at a time.”

“2010 PIONEER AWARD”

INERIA E. HADLEY-HUDNELL, Educator – Historian - “For dedicating much of her life to educating us and preserving our history from the late 1800’S in her ‘Traveling Museum of African American Life in Palm Beach County’ for generations to see”

ICYG Youth Golf Advisor, Stanley A. Wilson welcomed everyone. Wilson, a 2008 FAMU Graduate is also the Assistant Golf Professional at Bear Lakes Country Club, West Palm, Beach, FL. Community Giant Alumni Greeting were made by Sidney F. Dinerstein, Author & Chairman, Palm Beach County Republican Party will bring greetings and remarks made by George Linley, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Sports Commission. Wismick St Jean, Chairman, Haitian American Coalition thanked the audience for their support of his people.

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“ICYG Community Service Alumni Awardees” are 2002: Barbara Rolle & Charles Wilson, Jr.; 2003: Charles Collins, III, Esmeralda H. Duffus, Alma Horne, Frederick Price, Nancy Pugliese & Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation; 2004: Palm Beach Golf Center, Debert C. Cook, Ed Vestgard & Elizabeth “Liz” Wade; 2005: Danny Barber, John Booth,

**Pamela Gerhig-Bland, Michelle McGann & William E. Wilkins; 2006: Clarence Anthony, Maria Brous, Warcecer Jakes, Jr. & Jeff Sabin and 2007: Janice “Fairway” Arrington, Marshall Banks, Hyacinthia Becton, Sidney Dinerstein, Edward L. Eissey, Karen L. Hoskins & Ralph S. Tyler; 2008: Edith C. Bush, Joseph DeMino, Scott Bedford, Gary R. Nikolits, Waldemar K. Schickedanz, Wismick St Jean, Lt. Col. Allen West, Richard A. Ryles, Ric L. Bradshaw, Priscilla Taylor. To Jimmie “Doc” Horne, Sr. and Percy H. Lee (Posthumously). 2009: Robert Biggers, Thomas J. Dorsey, Edward M. Harris, Ethel Isaacs Williams, AnEta Sewell, Mackenson “Mack” Bernard, William J. Diamond, Phillip D. Lewis, Retha Lowe and Bobby R. Henry, Sr.**

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An “ICYG Giant is a role model to our young golfers; a person who goes the extra mile for the community; a person who shares the life skills inherent in the game of golf; an outstanding volunteer; one who demonstrates extraordinary character, exemplifies exceptional ability and is important without wearing it on his or her sleeves.” The sport of golf has been economically important to our greater community for many years. Our parent’s livelihoods have and continue to depend on the sport in some manner. ICYG therefore decided in 2002 to establish its “Annual Community Giants Reception and Auction” to honor those “giants” who have directly or indirectly contributed to the future of our children and their children being able to enjoy this great sport called golf!

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ICYG was started at JFK Middle School, Riviera Beach, FL (USA) in 1999. It was approved as a charitable organization approved by IRS on August 9, 2000. It remains in good standing and continues filling a much needed community void for at-risk, underserved, single parent home children of ages 7 to 18 using the game of golf as a “catalyst” to refocus their attention on doing “the right things.” It has also started exposing the parents and youth together to the game of golf, which like no other sport teaches life skills in preparation for their future. ICYG is finding that communication in some homes has been replaced with much more positive language that is geared toward success, happiness, respect and parental bonding (example: “mommy, lets go to the practice range” or “dad, I got two birdies today”).