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Joy of Sports Foundation Announces Partnership with Fair Chance

WASHINGTON, DC (October 3, 2006) - The Joy of Sports Foundation (JSF), a non-profit organization dedicated to inspire at-risk children to grow healthy in body, mind, and spirit by teaching them critical life success skills through sports and education, announces a strategic partnership with Fair Chance, a non-profit organization dedicated to identifying promising, community-based youth and family organizations in Wards 5-8 of Washington, DC and working with them to increase their organizational capacity and improve the effectiveness and sustainability of their programs. This strategic partnership will support Joy of Sports Foundation efforts in the areas of: strategic planning, board and leadership development, as well as fiscal management.

“Joy of Sports is committed to building a championship organization that provides innovative and high-impact services to underserved communities and families and our partnership with Fair Chance is an important step in this journey,” remarked Joy of Sports Executive Director, Jonathan Wright. “We will benefit tremendously from Fair Chance’s strategic services and guidance and we hope to emerge as a shining example of how Fair Chance helps build the organizational capacity of emerging, high potential not-for-profits. We look forward to a productive, rewarding and mutually beneficial partnership.”

“We are very impressed with the caliber of Joy of Sports,” said Amanda Marshall, Executive Director of Fair Chance. “It is obvious that their work is meeting a critical need in the community and we look forward to being a part of Joy of Sports’ growth and success in the coming year.”

Fair Chance was founded in 2002 by Amanda Marshall to ensure that disadvantaged children have access to quality programs that will enable them to follow their dreams. Its mission is to make a positive impact in the lives of low-income youth and families in Washington, DC by strengthening and increasing the effectiveness of the community-based organizations that serve them. Fair Chance has made a measurable and real difference in the lives of children in Washington, DC in almost five years, including helping our partner organizations raise almost \$1 million dollars in new funds.

Joy of Sports Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization based in Washington, DC. The mission of the foundation is to inspire at-risk children to grow healthy in body, mind, and spirit by teaching them critical life success skills through sports and education.



Utilizing a variety of sport-based educational programs, the Joy of Sports Foundation is currently serving children in the Washington, DC, San Francisco, and San Diego metropolitan areas.

JSF programs have been recognized as model programs by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the US Department of Health and Human Services Head Start Bureau, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and the United States Tennis Association. The White House has also recognized JSF as a Point of Light in appreciation of service to at-risk children.

For more information on the Joy of Sports Foundation, or to arrange an interview with Executive Director Jonathan Wright, please contact Douglas Knight at 202-548-0187 or via email at doug@joyofsports.org. Please visit the Joy of Sports Foundation online at: <http://www.joyofsports.org>.

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