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Media Advisory

The MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation Commemorates its 15 Year Anniversary with a Community Open House Celebration!

Find out why MWKF is more than just an afterschool program!

Jacksonville, Fla. April 11, 2011 - The MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation will be celebrating its 15 year anniversary on Friday, April 15, 2011 with an Open House Celebration for the community. Come out and meet the staff and students of MWKF and take a tour of the facility and programs.

In 1997, MWKF served youth in the Jacksonville area, by offering FREE tennis lessons to local Boys & Girls Clubs. MWKF's flagship program- the TnT (Tennis-n-Tutoring) afterschool program began in one small classroom in the Emmett Reed Community Center with just 25 students. In 2008, with supporters from the community, the MaliVai Washington Youth Center was built- a 9,400 square foot facility complete with classrooms, media center/computer room, kitchen, teen room, fitness center, library, administrative offices and community rooms. Today, the program has grown to more than 160 students in Kindergarten- high school. MWKF also offers several programs and events to the community at large.

Special activities have been planned throughout the year to commemorate the Foundation's 15 years of service to the Jacksonville community. The Foundation has already celebrated an Alumni Party which brought together former students and staff. The Foundation's annual Servathon project was also extended from one week to 15-days of service and included several partners in the community. The mission of the MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation is to develop champions in classrooms, on tennis courts and throughout communities.

When: Friday, April 15, 2011

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Where: MaliVai Washington Youth Center
1096 W. 6th Street (32209)

What: The MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation is celebrating its 15 year anniversary with an Open House Celebration for the community. Come out and meet the staff and students of MWKF and take a tour of the facility and programs. Light refreshments will be served.

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