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Make a Slam Dunk for Kids by Supporting the Short Stop Showcase

Columbus, OH—August 15, 2007 –Directions for Youth & Families (DFYF) will hold its 8th annual Short Stop Showcase on October 6, 2007 at 7p.m. Last year alone, this event raised \$31,389 for the Short Stop Youth Center. The showcase will feature lavish hors d’oeuvres and live entertainment as well as both silent and live auctions. Some of the items to be auctioned include a David Yurman Lemon Ice Cable Bracelet from Diamond Cellar, a Jim Tressel autographed OSU golf visor and various gift certificates to restaurants and events within Columbus.

Bill Hosket will be presented with the “I Believe in Kids Hero” award at the event. Hosket is a former basketball player for the New York Knicks, the U.S. Olympic team and the Buckeyes. After retiring from professional sports, he co founded and conducted Buckeye Basketball Camp and he serves as Executive Director of Ohio High School Sports Association (OHSSA). Because of all his efforts, he has created a safe environment for youth to practice their passions of sports.

Past winners of the “I Believe in Kids Hero” award include Archie Griffin, Yaromir Steiner and Artie Isaac. Artie Isaac, founder of Young Isaac Inc., understands the significance of DFYF and explains: “A quick glance at any day’s Metro Section in the Dispatch reminds us that this is a difficult world and people are crying out for help. The question I ask myself, “What am I doing about it?” I’m grateful for Directions, because Directions is what we all are doing to help our neighbors lift themselves into self-sufficiency.”

The mission of DFYF is to empower families and their children to make sound choices and achieve promising futures, through providing clinical, prevention, and family enrichment services in homes, schools, and neighborhoods. Programs address substance abuse, family violence, anger management, child abuse and neglect, family dynamics, parenting and life skills issues, delinquency, and diversity.

In 1999, DFYF was invited to buy the Third Avenue Community Church to house the Stop Youth Center. DFYF raised money for renovations to the 80-year-old historic church. The Short Stop Youth Center serves as a community-based prevention program that creates opportunity for young people ages 7-19 to enhance their personal growth and development.

Tickets for the Short Stop Showcase are currently on sale for \$75 per person. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please e-mail development@dfyf.org or call 614-234-2661.

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