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**NBA VETERAN ADONAL FOYLE & THE KEROSENE LAMP FOUNDATION
HOST FIRST ATHLETICS & ACADEMICS CAMPS FOR YOUTH IN CENTRAL FLORIDA**
Camps Use Basketball as Catalyst to Teach Life Skills to Youth

Orlando, FL – Former NBA player Adonal Foyle and his Kerosene Lamp Foundation (KLF) held their first free “Athletics & Academics Camp” for approximately 85 youths living in the Pine Hills community of Central Florida on October 27. The camp took place at the Walt Disney Clubhouse of the Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida. The Orlando Magic’s Adonal Foyle headlined the camps with support from former Golden State Warriors teammate Tim Young and local volunteers.



“Since 2003 I’ve spent my summers putting on our Athletics and Academics Camps for underserved youth in the Eastern Caribbean and now it’s time for Central Florida,” said Foyle. “In 2012, we are aiming to reach a thousand children through our camps, and I’m excited to be able to give back so personally to the Orlando community who made me feel so welcome when I came to play for the Magic. It is my hope that our camps will help children by stressing the importance of education and health and by building their leadership skills and self-confidence.”



KLF combines the fundamentals of basketball with educational messages to create a fun-filled development experience for at-risk youths ages 10 to 16. Topics addressed range from financial literacy, art, leadership/self-esteem to nutrition, health and wellness according to the critical needs of attending youths. The camp featured group sessions with Foyle to work on self-esteem and leadership skills and a book fair, presented by Scholastic Book Fairs, to send a book home with each child, jump starting their personal libraries. KLF will follow up the camp with a book report competition to ensure the kids read their new books.

Program Partners

KLF relies on partners to co-fund and provide in-kind materials and support to ensure success of the camps. "KLF's strength is in our ability to develop strategic partnerships to give our kids the best experience possible," said Foyle. Camp partners included:

- Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida
- Bette Butz Realty
- Caribbean-American Passport
- Life Worth Living Pharmacy
- Orlando Magic
- Scholastic Book Fairs



Results-to-Date

Since 2003, KLF has held camps throughout the Eastern Caribbean and in the San Francisco Bay Area reaching about 3,500 children. In addition, KLF has refurbished community basketball courts and playgrounds in Dominica, New Orleans, Oakland, and St. Vincent & the Grenadines. Finally, KLF has initiated numerous special projects, including assistance to thousands of Haitian youth in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake.

About Kerosene Lamp Foundation

The mission of the Kerosene Lamp Foundation (KLF), founded by Adonal Foyle in 2003, is to empower youth to grow into healthy and well-educated adults. KLF uses basketball as a bridge to the next generation, promoting education (literacy in particular) and health awareness, mentoring student-athletes, providing free Athletics & Academics Camps, and building/refurbishing basketball courts. To date, KLF has directly reached over 6,000 at-risk youth in the USA & Caribbean. The name "Kerosene Lamp" refers to the lighting used by Foyle to study on an island without electricity. It symbolizes his mission to brighten the futures of today's youth. Kerosene Lamp Foundation is a 501©3 non-profit organization. For more information, please visit www.KeroseneLampFoundation.org.

About Adonal Foyle

Adonal Foyle is the Director of Player Development for the Orlando Magic after retiring from the NBA in 2010. Before that, he played professional basketball in the NBA for 13 seasons, 10 with the Golden State Warriors and 3 with the Orlando Magic. A native of St. Vincent & the Grenadines, he only started playing basketball at the age of 15 and used his skills to attend high school and college in the USA. Adonal graduated *magna cum laude* from Colgate University and received a Masters in Sports Psychology from JFK University. In addition to Kerosene Lamp Foundation, he also founded Democracy Matters, a non-partisan campus-based project working to get big money out of politics and people in. Adonal has received many honors for his work as an athlete and philanthropist, including induction into the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame, appointment as a Goodwill Ambassador to St. Vincent & the Grenadines and named Runner Up Central Floridian of the Year by *The Orlando Sentinel*.

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