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Ernst & Young Holds Their 1st Ever EY Connect Day at JA

Friday, October 8, 2010 (Coconut Creek) On Friday, over 60 employees from the Boca Raton, Ernst & Young office volunteered at Junior Achievement World Huizenga Center at Broward College. Based on feedback received throughout our firm, the Ernst & Young leaders created EY Connect Day as an event allowing the employees of each office to connect with the partners and leaders of the firm through a day of service to our community and a celebration with one another. In summary, EY Connect Day is a day of — connections, community and fun.

New to the Boca Raton area, the Ernst & Young office, led by Steve Belous, Office Managing Partner, was invited to tour and learn about the new Junior Achievement World facility. Once seeing JA BizTown and JA Finance Park and understanding the activities carried out by the students during their visit, we decided that interacting with 5th and 8th graders at JA World and leading the students through financial and budgeting activities was perfectly aligned with our backgrounds and experiences. “Our EY Community Involvement Day was a great success thanks to Junior Achievement! JA World’s unique concept of teaching real life economics, personal finance, and entrepreneurship to elementary and middle school children is an invaluable tool for the next generation and is aligned with the foundation of our firm’s business strategy. We look forward to continuing to develop our relationship with JA in the near future!” – Brian Kilpatrick, Ernst & Young, LLP

The day and fun continued with a happy hour and celebration for all of the Ernst & Young volunteers, hosted at JA World. Engaging employees is a priority of Ernst & Young and everyone in Boca Raton office was invited and encouraged to participate in the EY Connect Day events.

“Companies like Ernst & Young are invaluable to the mission of Junior Achievement since we need on an average of 70 volunteers a day!” said Melissa Aiello, President of Junior Achievement. Companies are encouraged to pick a day for their employees to volunteer as a group. This one day experience includes approximately 60 minutes of training and 5 hours of student interaction and facilitation. Volunteers will assist 5th and 8th grade students in learning about the free enterprise system, business know-how, and personal finance, while encouraging self-esteem. Junior Achievement provides a great opportunity for businesses and individuals to hone leadership skills, participate in philanthropic efforts, and impact the future success of local students and our community.

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About Junior Achievement’s Huizenga Center

Junior Achievement of South Florida was founded in 1959. Using age-appropriate curricula designed to teach elementary students about their roles as individuals, workers, and consumers and to prepare middle grade and high school students

for key economic and workforce issues they will face, Junior Achievement brings the free enterprise system to life in the classroom. Junior Achievement is targeted to reach more than 50,000 Broward and South Palm Beach County students through the JA World Huizenga Center located on Broward College's North Campus.. For more information, call Melissa Aiello of Junior Achievement of South Florida at 954-979-7111 or visit the Web Site: www.jasouthflorida.org.

Picture #1: Alan Garcia and Conal Close

Picture #2: Conrado Montalvo and Pete Wellman

Picture #3: Sandy Prisco and Chloe Smith