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PALM BEACH MARINERS FOOTBALL CLUB ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH FRIENDS

WEST PALM BEACH, FL -- The Palm Beach Mariners Football Club (Mariners) recently announced their partnership with Friends of Abused Children, Inc. (Friends) for their 2011 football season. As part of the partnership, the Mariners will earmark all the proceeds of their home game ticket sales to Friends after game day expenses.



(l. to r.) Mariners Ray Blanchard, Ed Mankin, Julio De La Cruz, Avion Brown, with Friends Board Members Richard Delgado and Jim Sackett, and other Mariners members Chris Weatherford, John Schiller, David Roberts and Anthony Bethel at Lake Lytal Park for announcement.

The announcement took place at the Mariners mini-camp headquarters at Lake Lytal Park in West Palm Beach. The partnership will begin on Feb. 12, 2011 and run through the regular season schedule, concluding in late May. In addition, the Mariners have announced that Friends will be their charity of choice for subsequent years.

We are truly honored that the Palm Beach Mariners Football Club has chosen Friends to be the recipient of their home game ticket sales, said Friends Board President Laurie Briggs. This kind of partnership emphasizes the goodness of the Club, the players, their sponsors and the community as a whole to help the children that we serve.

Friends is a 25-year old non-profit organization serving children who have been adjudicated to state care in Palm Beach County. In 2010, Friends adopted a new mission to serve children and their caregivers who receive the least, if any, financial assistance from the State of Florida - relative (non-parental) and

non-relative caregivers. All donations received help to send children to summer camp and fund tutoring costs, scholarships, enrichment programs, and emergency medical/dental care to these children who are in need of emotional, physical and/or educational support.

Our organization is very excited about this partnership with Friends, said Mariners Executive Vice-President Mark K. Trueblood. We feel very passionate about the work this organization is doing for children in Palm Beach County. It is our sincere desire to make this an annual partnership. That is how important this cause is to us, and it is our pleasure and honor to be of service to them.

Founded in 2009, The Palm Beach Mariners Football Club is a private non-profit organization in West Palm Beach. The Club operates, manages and coaches men to play on an amateur full-contact football team. The team is comprised of more than 50 adult men (age 18+) who reside in Palm Beach County. The Palm Beach Mariners Football Club falls under the direction of the Southeast Football League.

All games will be played at Suncoast Stadium at Al Sutton Field in Riviera Beach on the campus of Suncoast Community High School (time to be determined). The complete 2011 schedule will be available on or after Nov. 1, 2010. For additional information, please call Friends at 561-659-5005 or the Mariners at 561-398-0617.