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Basket Ball Star's Mom Helps Central Florida Boys & Girls Club *Lucille O'Neil and Fellow NBA Moms Make a Difference in the Lives of Local Club Members*

Orlando, FL. (July 23, 2009) – The Universal Orlando Foundation Branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida (BGCCF) is proud to recognize the generosity and support of a special group of National Basketball Association (NBA) Mothers on Thursday, July 30 at 12:00 p.m. at the Universal Orlando Branch location at 5055 W. Raleigh Street.

Mothers of Professionals Basketball Players (MPBP), led by Lucille O'Neil, Mother of NBA player, Shaquille O'Neil, will gather at the Universal Orlando Foundation Branch to see first-hand what their hard work and tremendous donation of \$30,000 has done for the Club and for the young members who call the local Boys & Girls Club their home-away-from-home.

Improvements to the Universal Orlando Foundation Branch, made possible by the MPBP contribution, include: new tile & carpet, interior and exterior repainting of the facility, new programming equipment, as well as the priceless gift of one-on-one time with a few of the NBA Moms. The embellishments have provided members ages 6-18 with a newfound sense of belonging at the Club as well as increased their interest in overall Branch activities and core youth development programs.

"We are grateful for the endless generosity and care that the MPBP group has provided to our local Club. They are not only Mothers to renowned NBA players, but positive and loving adult role models to our impressionable Club members," said Gary Cain, BGCCF president.

The special July 30 presentation will focus on the upgrades made to the Club, as well as on the compassion and genuine interest demonstrated by the MPBP group toward our local Club and its members. Also taking part are community leaders, Branch Board members, Club members and staff. Event highlights will include a performance by Club members and a presentation to Lucille O'Neil.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida:

The BGCCF mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. For more information or to find out how you can support the BGCCF movement, call 407.841.6855 or visit www.bgccf.org.

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