



# PROPLAYERS FOUNDATION

***Pro Players Foundation fosters the growth and development of disadvantaged children in North Texas through sports based programs***

- ◆ **Instant RePlay:** An “Extreme Makeover” of community central youth sports facilities. These projects give children a needed place to play and grow, and give a community a center of hope in which they can take pride.
- ◆ **Character Camps:** Heroes and coaches from professional sports teams give underprivileged youth the opportunity to learn the importance of character, purpose and responsibility while simultaneously developing athletic skills.
- ◆ **Play It Forward:** A program which facilitates the collection and rejuvenation of sporting equipment to be donated to kids in need, ensuring every child in North Texas has the chance to get in the game.



Michael Irvin working with Character Campers



PPF teams with the Star's at a Playground Build Day



Court Dedication & Character Camp with the Mavs



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**The Pro Players Foundation is a group of professional athletes and business and community leaders, who volunteer their time and talents to assist disadvantaged youth. With the mission of "Enriching the Lives of Children," PPF uses a variety of initiatives to help make sure every child has the ability to succeed and the opportunity for a bright future.**

**Current PPF programs and projects include: Instant RePlay - the renovation or refurbishment of existing non-profit, municipal or school sports facilities in disadvantaged neighborhoods; Character Camps - professional athletes conduct day-long instructional clinics in a particular sport interspersed with sessions on a full range of life skills; and, Play it Forward USA - high school athletes collect and refurbish gently used sports equipment of all types which is then donated to leagues, teams and players in need.**

**The Foundation is comprised of a Board of Directors, an Advisory Board and Pro Players. The Advisory Board consists of business leaders, media representatives and executives from the professional sports teams in the North Texas area; Pro Players are current and former professional athletes who seek to go beyond the game to raise dollars and community awareness through direct support of the Foundation's special events and programs; and the Board of Directors is responsible for day-to-day operation of the Foundation.**



# INSTANTRePLAY



The Foundation has made one of its main focuses the renovation and refurbishment of existing non-profit, municipal or school sports facilities in disadvantaged neighborhoods. In partnership with area professional sports teams and with the help of corporate sponsorship, a small army of volunteers will work to rejuvenate neglected baseball fields, give new life to well-worn basketball courts and restore football, baseball and soccer fields and build playgrounds.



Instant RePlay Build Day Volunteers



Dallas Cowboy's Great Charles Haley Working Hard



# CHARACTER CAMP



Russell Maryland Coaches the Campers



Mavs Great Rolando Blackman teaches Teamwork

In an effort to share with youngsters the work ethic, dedication and individual desire that make up the character of many professional athletes, the Pro Players Foundation has developed Character Camps. These camps give youth of all ages the opportunity to learn the importance of character, integrity, purpose and responsibility in everyday life while simultaneously developing their athletic abilities.

Through the PPF Character Camps, athletes share some of the special skills that have made them successful in their sport while also instilling in the children some of the character-building skills necessary to succeed in life. Many children watch a professional athlete on television or at a sporting event, but very few ever know about the hard work, sacrifice, and dedication the athlete went through to get to that level. Character Camps give PPF athletes a chance to share both their talent and their inspirational stories with youngsters, helping them to learn to do their very best while interacting positively with those around them. Character Camps will be conducted in conjunction with each Instant RePlay project and independently as the opportunity arises.



• ATHLETES HELPING ATHLETES •

**Play It Forward - USA is the newest member of the Pro Players Foundation family and its official youth component. Begun in April, 2010, by five local High School students, PIF is dedicated to making sure no child in the North Texas area is unable to participate in a sport because they can't afford the necessary equipment.**

**With the motto "Athletes Helping Athletes," Play It Forward started as a small, grass-roots effort to collect unwanted sporting equipment, refurbish it and donate it to needy athletes. It has since grown into a much larger and wider-based endeavor, helping athletes across North Texas. Play-It-Forward now works with area teams, leagues and foundations to fulfill its mission.**

**The PIF team has conducted numerous equipment drives with schools and local youth teams of all sports. The equipment collected has already outfitted inner-city football and baseball teams, as well as a number of individual athletes from area shelters and orphanages. PIF has started local chapters in area high schools and continues to meet with interested athletes from other area schools to mentor and educate them about PIF. For more information check out:**

[www.playitforwardusa.org](http://www.playitforwardusa.org)





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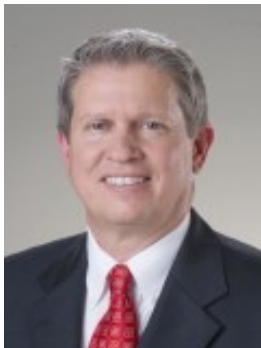
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## *2013 Pro Players Foundation Golf Classic*

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro Players Foundation Golf Classic, the annual event that marks the inception of the Pro Players Foundation is set for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Timarron Country Club in Southlake, Texas.

The charity golf tournament began in 2006 as a community effort to assist a decorated police veteran who was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Local business and community leaders teamed with current and retired professional athletes to host the event in an effort to raise funds. The event drew support from pro players representing the NHL, NBA, NFL, and MLB, as well as from the community as a whole. The success of this event and the partnership between the athletes and the community helped inspire the formation of the Foundation as an ongoing entity dedicated to assisting those in need.

The event pairs an athlete with a foursome in an 18hole, shotgun format. Participants are treated to a premier gift salon that provides each golfer with a selection of luxury golf items from brands. The day begins with breakfast in the VIP Pro Players Lounge and ends with an awards presentation where the Pro Players Cup is given to the professional sports league whose team members attain the best overall average score. The event also has garnered acclaim for the surprises provided throughout the course including, the Pro Players Foundation Party Hole, hosted by Hilton and Copeland's Restaurant, which features a full complementary bar, cigar bar, and Cajun-inspired appetizers. Unique contests and raffle prizes round out the day's experience.

The Pro Players Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering the growth and development of disadvantaged children in North Texas through sports based programs. Professional athletes team with business and community leaders to volunteer their time and talents to help the disadvantaged youth of North Texas through a variety of initiatives including: Instant RePlay - Extreme makeovers of community based youth sports facilities; Character Camps - Sports heroes and coaches from professional sports teams give underprivileged youth the opportunity to learn the importance of character, purpose and responsibility while simultaneously developing their athletic skills; and Play It Forward - our youth program which facilitates the collection and rejuvenation of sporting equipment to be donated to kids in need, ensuring every child in North Texas has the chance to get in the game. The foundation relies on charitable contributions from the community, as well as fundraiser such as the Golf Classic to reach it's goals and fulfill it's mission.

For more information about the Pro Players Foundation Golf Classic, or any of the Foundations charities and initiatives, access the website at [www.proplayersfoundation.com](http://www.proplayersfoundation.com)

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

TIMARRON COUNTRY CLUB  
SOUTHLAKE, TEXAS





## Pro Players Foundation and the Mavs revitalize the Wesley Rankin Community Center Gym in West Dallas

PPF teamed with AkzoNobel Paints, Coca-Cola, FOX Sports Southwest, NexCourt, The Home Depot Foundation, Briggs Equipment, Wesley-Rankin Community Center and the Dallas Mavericks Foundation to make the dream of a revitalized sports facility for the youth of West Dallas a reality.

This is the 3rd basketball court PPF & the Mavericks have refurbished in the last three years. The new court, will allow Wesley-Rankin to provide a safe, free, air-conditioned facility with services and activities to improve health, fitness, academic success, and overall quality of life for youth in the community through increased daily physical activity. Work completed included the installation of Maple Select Sport Court tiles, a new cove base, new wall pads and two new goal units, painting basketball lines and putting in six full-color logos. The walls of the gym were sand blasted and painted, the roof was repaired, all ceiling tiles and grids were replaced, and new benches and equipment were donated by the foundation to the facility PPF volunteers spent 3 workdays at the location to accomplish the project.

“The work not only changed a building, but transformed lives,” said Sarah Squires, Executive Director of Wesley-Rankin. “Our community now has a space where seniors can safely walk, where children can work with others on a team, where leadership can be developed, and a secure environment that will be filled with children and families laughing, cheering, learning, and playing.”

Pro Players Charles Haley (five time Superbowl Champion) and NBA stalwart Ira Terrell were joined by Dallas Maverick's guard Darren Collison, forward Jae Crowder and Director of Player Development Rolando Blackman to dedicate a newly renovated indoor basketball court for the Wesley-Rankin Community Center (1300 Crossman Ave. Dallas, TX 75212) on Wednesday, March 27, 2013. At the dedication, local youth participated in a basketball and character camp clinic with professional athlete speakers.





## Pro Players Foundation Visits Hope's Door for the Holidays

Christmas came early for the families of Hope's Door when more than 50 volunteers from the Pro Players Foundation and Dallas Star's paid a special visit to the domestic violence shelter. Pro Players Foundation partnered with the Dallas Star's Foundation and Child's Play, Inc. to make the playground a reality and bring a new found joy is that has been missing from the lives from many of the children in the shelter. Pro Players Bob Bassen NHL, Stephen Howard NBA and Steve Duchsene NHL spent their Saturday pouring concrete, replacing mulch, and building a state-of-the-art playground. "The build went extremely well. We were able to provide a playground for Hope's Door that children of this shelter can enjoy for many years," Christa Melia from the Dallas Stars Foundation, said. "Because the children in our shelter and in hiding, they are not able to play outside like they would if they were still in their homes. Thanks to this generous donation, these children will have a wonderful new place to play in safety and will be able to use the gift of play to help them heal from the trauma of witnessing abuse." Kelly Vaughan, Hope's Door Director of Development, said. The holiday cheer didn't end with the construction. A PPF Santa Claus made a special appearance with the Ice Girls, bringing the holiday spirit and fulfilling the Christmas wishes of the 27 children in the transitional program by handing out gifts for each child, as well as bicycles complete with helmets and pads for the shelter. "It was nice to see the new bikes and the new playground with new mulch the kids were going to enjoy for Christmas and beyond," Pro Player and Dallas Stars Alumni Association Director, Bob Bassen said. "The playground build was a perfect setting for my family and I to spend a Saturday morning helping such an important cause. We love to support the Stars Foundation and The Pro's Player Foundation."





## **INSTANT REPLAY & CHARACTER CAMP REPORT** ***Dallas Life Shelter Playground:***

**Project Location:**  
**Downtown Dallas**

**Organizations Involved:**

- ^The Dallas Stars
- ^PPF
- ^The Dallas Life Homeless Shelter
- ^The Dallas Crystal Charity Ball

**Target Completion/Build Date:**  
**May 12th, 2012**

**Playground Design Day:**

A design day for children at the Dallas Life Foundation Homeless Shelter was held on Saturday, September 24th. Children from the center put forth their best creative skills in drawing their dream playgrounds, which will ultimately become a reality. Elements from the children's drawings were integrated into the final design for the new community playground. Dallas Stars greats Jere Lehtinen and Bob Bassen worked with the children on their drawings and their slap shots.

**Honorary Project Chair:**

**Stephane Robidas - Defenseman & Alternate Captain of the 2011-12 Dallas Stars Hockey Team**

**Partners:**

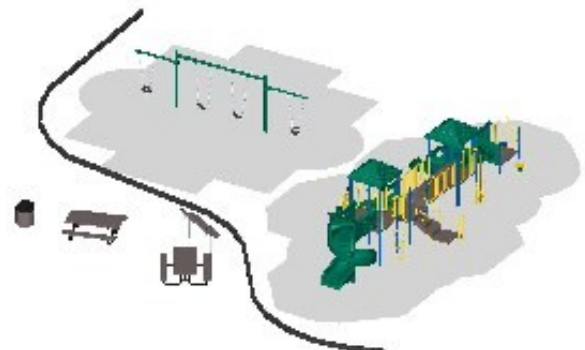
- ^Child's Play, Inc.
- ^Glidden

**Description:**

The project will provide a place to play for the 50-70 children living at the complex on average. The Dallas Life Shelter is the third largest homeless shelter in the United States, housing up to 750 people at a given time.



Star's Great Bob Bassen Working on a Playground Design with the Kids





## **INSTANT REPLAY & CHARACTER CAMP REPORT**

***Basketball Court at Restoring Our Generation, Inc. Community Center:***

**Project Location:**  
South Oak Cliff  
Dallas, Texas

**Organizations Involved:**

- ^The Dallas Mavericks
- ^PPF
- ^FOX Sports Southwest
- ^Restoring Our Generation, Inc.

**Completion/Dedication/Camp Date:**  
April 2012

**Partners:**

- ^Home Depot & The Home Depot Foundation
- ^AkzoNobel Paints
- ^NexCourt
- ^Coca Cola

**Description:**

Restoring Our Generation (ROG) has a mission to build and enhance relationships through community-based programs and services that would effectuate change by educating, inspiring, and motivating individuals and families to become viable members of society. Expected outcomes of the Instant RePlay Project will significantly increase the participants Attitude, Awareness, Behavior and Knowledge toward healthy eating and physical fitness.

The gym will be available for programs directed toward youth through providing organized after-school and summer activities, giving them an alternative. The project will enable the delivery of educational activities and supportive services to these target populations. Improving the well being of our community will translate into financial savings for the city and substantial enhancement of the community's overall economic development efforts.





## **INSTANT REPLAY & CHARACTER CAMP REPORT** ***Cedar Crest Salvation Army Community Center Football Field:***

### **Organizations Involved:**

- ^The Dallas Cowboys
- ^PPF
- ^The Salvation Army
- ^Gene & Jerry Jones Foundation
- ^NFL (Grass Roots Grant)

### **Completion Date:**

**August 2011**

### **Character Camp Date:**

**August 2011: Free camp for 150 youth. Skills training conducted by the Dallas Cowboys coaches. Pro Players Foundation Character Coaches included: Michael Irvin, Russell Maryland, Charles Haley & Nate Newton.**

### **Partners:**

- ^Home Depot & The Home Depot Foundation
- ^Glidden
- ^Trinity Industries
- ^Green Scaping
- ^Precision Landscape Management
- ^Design Werks
- ^Sports Supply Group
- ^Ridell
- ^Musco Sports Lighting
- ^Greg Kirkpatrick Carpentry

### **Description:**

**The renovation of Cedar Crest Community Center's football field (built in 1972) included: lighting repair and replacement; regrading of the field; complete field replacement; new sod installation; new goal post installation; repair and painting of all associated fencing, buildings & bleachers, repair and installation of components for a public address systems; rehabilitation, painting and mulching of the a playground, and many more projects.**





## **INSTANT REPLAY & CHARACTER CAMP REPORT** ***Boys and Girls Club of Mckinney Basketball Court:***

### **Organizations Involved:**

- ^The Dallas Mavericks
- ^PPF
- ^Coca-Cola
- ^FOX Sports Southwest
- ^Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County

### **Completion Date:**

March 2011

### **Dedication Participants:**

Floyd Jahner, Jon Heidtke, Brian Cardinal, Ian Mahinmi and President of Basketball Operations Donnie Nelson.

### **Partners:**

- ^NexCourt
- ^AkzoNobel Paints
- ^Home Depot & The Home Depot Foundation

### **Description:**

Work completed included: the installation of more than 5,000 square feet of Maple Select Sport Court tiles; a new cove base; new wall pads and two new goal units as well as powder coating two sets of bleachers; restoration of the walls, doors and backboards in the gymnasium; painting of basketball and volleyball lines; and putting in six full-color logos.





## **INSTANT REPLAY & CHARACTER CAMP REPORT** **Soccer Field at West Dallas Bataan Community Center:**

### **Project Location:**

**West Dallas Area**  
**Bataan Center**  
**3232 Bataan St.**  
**Dallas, TX 75212**

### **Organizations Involved:**

- ^ FC Dallas
- ^ PPF
- ^ The Daniel Hernandez All Stars
- ^ West Dallas Foundation
- ^ Texas Capital Bank

**Completion/Dedication/Camp Date:**  
**Q3 2013**

### **Partners:**

- ^ The Home Depot Foundation
- ^ Urban Turf
- ^ Musco Lighting

### **Description:**

**The mission of the Bataan West Dallas Community Center is Helping Youth Excel! We help youth of West Dallas to develop dignity, self-respect and to meet life's encounters with a positive attitude and manner. We also communicate to the youth that they are worth-while human-beings. We train youth to practice acceptable and new social skills, increased self worth that will enable them to become productive citizens of our society. The project will allow the center to implement an after school soccer program for the youth of West Dallas.**

