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CHILDREN: FIELD DAY EVENT FOSTERS COMMUNITY, TEAMWORK

Non-profit Hosts Field Day Activities for Local Underprivileged Children

PHOENIX - On Saturday, March 24, 2007, Helping Hands Housing Services will host a day of athletic activities for underprivileged children from across Phoenix. The Field Day, which will take place at 10:00 AM at Roadrunner Park in Sunnyslope, will provide a variety of events, including three-legged races and a basketball tournament. By bringing together children from different parts of the city, organizers will teach the participants lessons in community as well as teamwork.

Lacy Gregor, a Program Coordinator with Helping Hands, hopes that the event will give the contestants a respite from their stressful lives. "All of the children come from families which make less than \$2,000 a month," said Gregor, a recent graduate of Arizona State University. "Our organization's mission is to minister to young children and help them break from the cycle of poverty. By participating in this event, the kids will be able to learn the importance of working together."

The Field Day will be organized in conjunction with a group of ASU volunteers who are members of American Humanics. American Humanics is a nationwide organization dedicated to the education and preparation of college students for eventual work in the non-profit sector.

Helping Hands Housing Services is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization established in 1993. It was formed to provide permanent subsidized housing and other support services to the low income communities of greater Phoenix. Housing is provided through multi-family apartments owned and operated by the organization. The support services are free to the residents and are delivered through the Program Services department at each of the communities.

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