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Soldan Young Athletes Get a New 'Field of Dreams'

300 National City Employees to Lay New Grass Playing Surface, Joining Forces With PHL, Inc. and Rebuilding Together-St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (June 10) – Soldan High School students will have a new athletic field this fall thanks to the efforts of local volunteers. A fresh green playing surface of new sod will be laid on Wednesday, June 11 by some 300 National City employees taking the afternoon from their indoor jobs for their fourth annual Day of Caring. They will join forces with volunteers from Rebuilding Together-St. Louis and PHL, Inc.; St. Louis Rams players including linebacker Chris Draft also will lend a hand.

The Day of Caring is part of a complete rebuilding of the Soldan field coordinated by PHL, Inc., a coalition of local companies creating athletic fields for inner-city high schools in St. Louis. Work completed at Soldan in recent months includes reconfiguring and regrading the fields, installing an underground sprinkler system, and refurbishing stands and buildings. The Soldan field will be ready by August for use by football and boys' and girls' soccer teams. The late Rams owner Georgia Frontiere attended Soldan in the 1930s.

Efforts of National City Day of Caring volunteers will focus on laying 6,400 pieces of sod. Contractors volunteering through PHL, Inc. will professionally supervise their work. At the end of the day, the sprinklers will be turned on for the first time to begin watering the grass.

Also on June 11, National City will present a \$5,000 donation to Rebuilding Together-St. Louis as part of its ongoing support of the agency. Rebuilding Together-St. Louis revitalizes neighborhoods in partnership with the community by rehabilitating the houses of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly and the disabled, so that they may continue to live independently in comfort and safety.

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“At National City, our goal is to be more than just a bank located in Greater St. Louis. We want to be a vital community and economic partner that fosters the development and growth of our area,” said Shaun Hayes, president and CEO of National City’s Missouri banking. “As we continue to expand our presence in Greater St. Louis, we will continue to look for new ways to show this commitment.”

Over the past three years, National City employees in the St. Louis area have donated more than 5,000 hours of volunteer service through the Day of Caring. National City branch lobbies will close at 1:00 on June 11 to allow employees to participate; drive-up windows will remain open. National City has a 160-year history of giving back to the communities it serves. Since arriving in St. Louis in 2004, National City has contributed more than \$3 million to charitable organizations in the area.

A number of companies are donating equipment and services through PHL, Inc. for the Soldan project. These include: Millstone Bangert, Inc., Frank C. Mitchell Plumbing Co., Munie Greencare Professionals, Nike Striping, Sachs Electric, Schrimpf Landscaping, Senke Grading, Sherwin-Williams and Thomas Industrial Coatings. The St. Louis Rams Foundation donated \$50,000 to PHL, Inc. to support materials purchases for this and other 2008 projects.

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