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ProAction Presents Raptors Head Coach Sam Mitchell

Sixty enthusiastic friends of ProAction Cops & Kids were on hand to hear 2006-07's NBA Coach of the Year, Toronto Raptors Head Coach Sam Mitchell talk about building the team into a successful basketball franchise. Hosted by Teranet Inc., this event on Wednesday February 6, 2008 netted over \$15,000 for Toronto Police Programs for youth at-risk. The evening included the chance for participants to mingle with Mr. Mitchell over hors d'oeuvres and ask questions about his successful career in the NBA. All of the guests received a photo with Mr. Mitchell and The Basketball Book by Sports Illustrated Magazine.



Special thanks to Teranet Inc. for graciously hosting this event and to our 2008 *ProAction Presents* Series Sponsors: Longo's, Grocery Gateway, The Bitove Foundation, Wayne Gretzky's and Rothmans, Benson & Hedges, Inc.

Coming Soon: 12th Annual ProAction Golf Tournament

ProAction is proud to announce that the 12th Annual ProAction Cops & Kids golf tournament will take place on Wednesday September 10, 2008, at Cobble Beach Golf Links. Located in Owen Sound, Cobble Beach was voted Ontario's Best New Course in 2007 by Ontario Golf & Fairways magazines and 3rd Best New Course in Canada by SCOREgolf.

For more information about the tournament or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Event Coordinator, Meredith Hopper at 416-222-7011 or meredith@copsandkids.ca.

OUR MISSION

We believe that establishing a positive relationship between cops and kids at risk will strengthen our community today and for the future. By funding programs that bring local cops and kids together, we help create an environment that promotes mutual understanding and respect.



Danforth Tech. Overhauled



Currently running at Danforth Collegiate & Technical Institute, Danforth Tech.

Overhauled is an innovative new ProAction program. Beginning in November 2007, students from the school joined a Toronto Police Officer to restore a 1973 Chevrolet Laguna S3. PC Travis Pickett of 54 Division and the kids meet twice a week after school for 3 hours each time.

Inspired by the popular TLC television show, Overhauled, PC Pickett has taken a passion of his own and turned it into a project the youth can share in.

PC Pickett has been surprised with the dedication and enthusiasm the kids have shown from the beginning of the program. There are several students who haven't missed a single work session and PC Pickett says he's never heard the kids complain about even the most boring jobs.

"On the first night, they didn't want to go home," says PC Pickett. "We couldn't get them to leave."

PC Pickett has also been surprised with the skill level of the kids. While Pickett has had a lifelong interest in cars and auto restoration, many of these kids have skills that even he hasn't yet honed. In working on this project, the kids have been able to sharpen those skills even further. Several local businesses have been very generous in donating supplies and facilities, including the staff at a





Scarborough Sherwin Williams store who offered to supply water-based paint for the car and the use of the facility where the students will apply the paint.

PC Pickett is happy to be able to share his passion for automobile restoration with youth and to have a real opportunity during this program to make a strong and lasting bond with the youth. Pickett hopes that at the end of the program the students will be able to think of him as a friend and not just a cop. He also hopes that the students will leave the program with a real sense of accomplishment, having worked hard to finish a complicated project. The kids will finish this program with new experiences and skills they can use in their futures.

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Danforth Tech. Overhauled runs for the remainder of the school year and work will continue until the car is ready for sale. The team hopes to auction off the car, with the proceeds going back to ProAction Cops & Kids to

ensure funding for this program for the future. PC Pickett also hopes that once the car is completed, it will go on display at Toronto Police Headquarters so the public can see what can be accomplished when police officers and youth work together.

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