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**RAPTORS, ROGERS AND CITY OF TORONTO TEAM UP
TO UNVEIL REFURBISHED BASKETBALL COURT
AT O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Toronto Raptors, in partnership with Rogers Communications and Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation department, teamed up to unveil a newly refurbished basketball court at the O'Connor Community Centre Monday. The refurbishment, funded by the MLSE Team Up Foundation, Rogers Communications and Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation department, represents the sixth basketball court and 20th sports facility to benefit from Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment's (MLSE) hockey rink, basketball court and soccer pitch legacy program.

"We're excited to make a difference for the kids and families that will use this court," said Bruce Kidd, chair, MLSE Team Up Foundation. "It is vital for kids to have places to play and grow and that can't happen without the proper facilities. Through our rink, court and pitch legacy program we are trying to ensure that communities like this one have those facilities."

Kidd was joined by Raptors General Manager Bryan Colangelo, Head Coach, Jay Triano and several players, including Jose Calderon, DeMar DeRozan, Jarrett Jack, Amir Johnson, Sonny Weems and Antoine Wright. Also in attendance were Kal Irani, Director of Marketing, Fido & Rogers Brands, City Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, Malcolm Bromley, Director of Recreation for Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation and local kids from the O'Connor Hawks basketball team.

"The City of Toronto is committed to improving the quality of life of all Torontonians in all parts of this city," said Mayor David Miller. "Partnering with MLSE's Team Up Foundation has enabled us to provide more residents with activities that promote healthy living while upgrading our public spaces."

Over the past four years MLSE, with help from their partners, has invested approximately \$1.4 million in building and refurbishing 11 rinks and six courts and three pitches through its legacy program. The program aims to illustrate the importance places such as the O'Connor Community Centre play in shaping the lives of people in a community and creating the next generation of players and coaches.

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MLSE Team Up Foundation, Rogers and City of Toronto Unveil Refurbished Court

The MLSE Team Up Foundation is the charitable arm of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, owner of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Toronto Raptors, Toronto FC and Toronto Marlies. The MLSE Team Up Foundation provides opportunities and safe places for disadvantaged youth to learn and play.

Toronto is Canada's largest city and sixth largest government, home to a diverse population of 2.6 million people. It is the economic engine of Canada and one of the greenest and most creative cities in North America. Toronto has won numerous awards for quality, innovation and efficiency in delivering public services. 2009 marks the 175th anniversary of Toronto's incorporation as a city. Toronto's government is dedicated to prosperity, opportunity and liveability for all its residents. For more information, visit: www.toronto.ca

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