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## Golf Proceeds for Jim Moran's Youth Automotive Training Center Will Help Kids At Risk Change Their Lives



*Colin Brown, president and CEO of JM Family Enterprises, Inc. (right) presents John Johnson, president and CEO of Holy Cross Hospital, with a special sponsorship appreciation award.*

**Deerfield Beach, Fla.** – More than 250 golfers, including former NFL greats Jim Kiick, Jeff Cross, Troy Drayton, Shawn Wooden and John Bosa, recently took to the links in the Sixth Annual Jim Moran Youth Automotive Training Center South Florida Golf Tournament. Presenting sponsor Holy Cross Hospital, Grand sponsors The Cross Country Group and J.R. Dunn Jewelers, and Platinum sponsors JM Lexus, 22squared, Inc. and the *Sun-Sentinel* helped the Youth Automotive Training Center (YATC) raise more than \$100,000. Proceeds benefit student scholarships which cover books, tools, daily lunches, and in some cases, transportation.

Founded by automotive legend Jim Moran, YATC, located in Deerfield Beach, offers at-risk youth basic automotive, academic, and life skills training, giving them an opportunity to turn their lives around. The nine-month curriculum prepares students for the real world, helps

them find jobs and provides ongoing support and follow-up services for alumni and their families. Through the efforts of YATC, graduates have demonstrated a more than 90% success record as productive citizens, contributing to the community rather than taking from it. The YATC Board of Directors, Advisory Board, staff and volunteers are dedicated to continuing Moran's legacy of giving young people a second chance in life.

"We were happy to once again be the presenter of this golf fundraiser," said John Johnson, president and CEO of Holy Cross Hospital. "The efforts of YATC, are in keeping with the mission of the Sisters of Mercy at Holy Cross - helping and serving those in need. Without YATC, many of these youths would still be at risk. Jim Moran would have been proud of the outpouring of support from so many local business and community leaders."

This year's tournament, held at the Jacaranda Golf Club in Plantation, was hosted by radio personality Footy from 610 WIOD, and set records for being the largest and most successful South Florida tournament held to date for YATC. Fundraising contests included a Rolex Hole-In-One, JM Lexus Hole-In-One, and both a silent and online auction.

"The tournament gave our guests and good friends in the community a chance to make a big difference in the lives of kids who've had tough breaks in life, yet want to work hard to improve themselves," said program Executive Director Terry Routley. "It was a terrific day on the golf course, giving our supporters a chance to win some great prizes, and spend time with athletes who generously donate their time to our cause."



### **About the Youth Automotive Training Center**

Established by Jim Moran in 1984, the mission of the Youth Automotive Training Center is to train and educate at-risk youth in basic automotive repair skills, academic remediation, job readiness and life management skills. The goal of this program is to prepare young adults who are at a disadvantage in their lives to become self-sufficient, productive, law-abiding citizens. Students are referred to YATC in a variety of ways, including through the Departments of Juvenile Justice and Children and Families, as well as YATC graduates, local clergy and word of mouth.

For more information about the Youth Automotive Training Center, visit [www.yatc.org](http://www.yatc.org) or contact Hillary Gurman, Community Relations Manager at (954) 428-0909 or at [yatcgurm@bellsouth.net](mailto:yatcgurm@bellsouth.net). YATC is located at 399 SW Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Deerfield Beach, Florida.

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