

BASKETBALL AND RACING UNITE AS STEWART-MARCHMAN-ACT FOUNDATION HONORS VINCE CARTER AT THEIR ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION

Stewart-Marchman-Act Foundation is proud to honor Vince Carter at this year's Annual Dinner and Auction scheduled for Wednesday, July 1st at the fabulous DAYTONA 500 Club at Daytona International Speedway. Vince's ongoing commitment to giving back to his community is why he is being celebrated as one of Daytona's Beach's finest and most respected citizens.

Now in its eleventh year, the gala fundraiser is one of the area's premier social events. Proceeds support the Vince Carter Sanctuary's capital campaign, a world class \$8 million facility dedicated to treating those struggling with drug and alcohol addiction.

The Annual Dinner and Auction event is the major fundraiser for the Stewart-Marchman-Act Foundation, an organization that supports the clients and programs of the Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare whose mission is to promote good health to improve the quality of life of individuals and families affected by mental illness, addiction, and delinquency by providing superior prevention, intervention, crisis stabilization, education, and treatment services

This year's honoree, Vince Carter, can relate to the thrill of racing to the finish with that coveted checkered flag as he has won numerous honors throughout his personal life and basketball career. A Daytona Beach native, Vince was an all-star athlete at Mainland High School and University of North Carolina. His numerous awards and recognitions include being a 1998 top five draft pick, 1999 Rookie of the Year, 2000 Slam Dunk Winner, Sportsman of the Year, 8-time All Star, gold medal winner for the U.S. Men's Basketball team, and was the 26th professional player to reach the 10,000 point mark.

Vince's personal accomplishments are just as impressive having created the non-profit Embassy of Hope which assists children and their families in various regions in the country. In 2000, he received the Child Advocate of the Year award from the Children's Home Society and was recently recognized by Florida Governor Charlie Crist with a Points of Light award for his charitable contributions to his community.

Esteemed guests at the gala include Vince's mother, Michelle Carter-Scott, a fierce community advocate in her own right who has been actively involved with Bethune-Cookman University, St. James Episcopal Church, Mainland High School, PACE Center for Girls of Volusia/Flagler County, as well as Stewart-Marchman-Act Foundation.

Additional attendees and guests include, NASCAR and Daytona International Speedway officials, representatives of major businesses and organizations, and gracious supporters of the Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare.

The Foundation is thrilled to welcome back Jerry Punch, MD as this year's Master of Ceremonies. Dr. Punch is a well-known trauma specialist, former director of emergency medicine at Memorial Hospital Flagler in Bunnell, and accomplished broadcaster with ESPN and ABC Sports. As a commentator, Dr. Punch is revered for his thorough preparation and broad-based knowledge of auto racing. He has been a full-time member of ESPN's ACE Award-winning broadcast team since 1987, and also noted for his participation in saving the lives of two drivers in 1988 – Rusty Wallace and Don Marmor. Dr. Punch has won a number of awards related to auto racing, and was recently named ESPN's lead announcer prior to the 2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series season.

Individual tickets and corporate sponsor packages are available. Sponsor packages include multiple tickets, ample recognition, and many other benefits associated with socially responsible support. Individual Fan Tickets will also be made available for purchase. And all guests will enjoy one of the highlights of the evening - the live auction – filled with incredible items.

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