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Teen Gunned Down While Walking Home Will Be Honored

Citizens can support the Alexzander Anthony Project

(Indianapolis, IN; November 10, 2006)---Before he walked into the crossfire of a gun fight at 18th and Rural, Alexzander Anthony was a good kid who worked hard at school and was admired by students, teachers and neighbors. Now, a school-based neighborhood program and Indiana Project Safe Neighborhoods will honor Alexzander's life and provide an ongoing way to educate citizens about gun violence.

When: November 13, 2006 at 3pm

Where: Harshman Middle School, 1501 E. 10th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201

This is at the corner of E. 10th Street and Arsenal Ave.

What: IPS School 74 children participating in the Felege Hiywot Program will plant a tree in Alexzander's honor and unveil art work expressing their thoughts. Felege Hiywot is Ethiopian for "Direction for Life" and the program combines art, sports and gardening.

Participants:

Susan Brooks, US Attorney, Southern District of Indiana

Aster Bekele, Felege Hiywot Center

Grandmother Mary Ann James Anthony

Dave Foresell, President, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc.

Jerry Shepherd, Indiana Project Safe Neighborhoods

Alexzander was well known to the students in the Felege Hiywot Program. To express their sorrow and pay tribute to him the students created pictures portraying their feelings about gun violence. These pictures will be entered into a contest, and the top three will be made into kitchen magnets that contain a gun tip hotline number.

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. donated the Burr Oak which will be planted in the front yard of Harshman Middle School where Anthony's cousins attend. Santarossa Mosaic & Tile Company donated a granite marker that will be placed at the site of the tree and Crown Hill Cemetery has provided the engraving on the marker that will rest at the base of the tree.

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