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**Adonal Foyle's Spring Gala Makes Big Splash in Central Florida Community; Raises \$30,000 to Empower Youth**

***J.J. Redick recognized with special achievement at Gala***

**ORLANDO, FL., April 13, 2011** –NBA veteran and Orlando Magic Director of Player Development, Adonal Foyle, held his 2nd Annual Gala and Caribbean Fête at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort to benefit a great cause: empowering youth through his Kerosene Lamp Foundation (KLF).

Foyle, the now retired NBA player, has worked with youth in the U.S. and around the world, particularly in the Caribbean, through basketball clinics and camps and in academic settings with the singular goal of teaching the importance of being a student-athlete. Through KLF, Foyle recognized shooting guard for the Orlando Magic, J.J. Redick, with the 1st annual Beacon of Excellence Award. The award recognizes J.J. as a student-athlete who has gone on to demonstrate extraordinary achievement on and off the court.

“Many people take academics for granted, but my life has taught me the value of a great education,” said Foyle, who is completing his Masters program in Sports Psychology at John F. Kennedy University. “I have had the opportunity to work closely with J.J. over the past several years and have seen his personal commitment not only to the sport of basketball, but to academics and making a difference in his community.

Redick graduated with a major in history and a minor in cultural anthropology from Duke University and was drafted to the Magic in 2006. He is a force in the community from serving meals at food centers to visiting kids in hospitals. At the KLF Gala, Redick announced the upcoming launch of his foundation to provide scholarships for youth in Central Florida and his hometown of Roanoke, Virginia.

The Gala raised roughly \$30,000 for KLF to hold its Athletics & Academics clinics in the Caribbean and Orlando for over 500 children and continue to supplement the Adonal All Star Student-Athletes program. Through this program, select student-athletes from the Caribbean are selected for mentorship in basketball and the classroom in order to train them to give back to their respective communities. KLF Student-Athlete Consolo Adams of St. Vincent & the Grenadines also received a trophy recognizing his success in the program.

KLF board member, Cathy Godfrey, was also honored at the Gala with the 2011 Lamplighter Award, recognizing her tireless assistance with event planning and donor development. Godfrey initially volunteered with KLF before joining the board in 2010. For more information about KLF and how to become involved, visit [www.kerosenelampfoundation.org](http://www.kerosenelampfoundation.org).

**About Kerosene Lamp Foundation (KLF)**

KLF was founded by Adonal Foyle, a native of St. Vincent & the Grenadines and professional basketball player to empower youth to grow into healthy and well-educated adults. KLF uses basketball as a bridge to the next generation, promoting education and health awareness, providing free basketball clinics and building/refurbishing basketball courts to more than 5,000 youth since its inception. KLF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please visit [www.kerosenelampfoundation.org](http://www.kerosenelampfoundation.org) for more information.

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