



## Fact Sheet

### THE CAMPBELL ROAD CENTER: A NEW COMMUNITY CENTER AND YOUTH SOCCER FACILITY FOR HOUSTON

**Project Overview:** The new Youth Soccer Facility at the new Campbell Road Center is a \$1.2 million Field of Dreams for the children of Houston. The Center will serve children and families with indoor and outdoor activities including soccer, boy scouting and after-school programs. The Center is located at 3911 Campbell Road on a 10 acre site between Kempwood and Clay Roads in Houston's Spring Branch area.

The Albion Hurricanes FC (**AHFC**) and Chapelwood United Methodist Church (**Chapelwood**) are developing the Campbell Road Center into a facility that inspires and strengthens children and transforms neighborhoods through programs they are initiating with area schools, local government and community organizations. Programs will target the disadvantaged families from surrounding Spring Branch neighborhoods, Houston youth and AHFC players.

**Community Need:** Campbell Road Center will serve as a locus for family activities in this underserved area, especially with the future addition of educational, social service, and health programs. A prime activity at the Center will be soccer to attract boys and girls ages 5-18. Soccer instills values in children that help them become responsible adults. Quality soccer fields are desperately needed in this area of Houston/Harris County which lacks the extensive public parks available in the suburbs for youth athletic programs, as detailed in the City of Houston's own survey.

**Project Partnership:** AHFC, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization formed in 1989, is a well-established, nationally recognized youth soccer club for metropolitan Houston serving over 1,000 children a year. Chapelwood serves Houston's Spring Branch-Memorial area through English and Spanish-language ministries and an extensive program of community services it delivers itself and in partnership with community organizations.

Chapelwood purchased the Campbell Road property to serve the surrounding community. It entered into a long-term agreement with AHFC in which the club agreed to build a state-of-the-art soccer training facility at the site to meet the club's training needs and to support a new community youth soccer program to be offered free to disadvantaged children in the area. The agreement allows AHFC to develop, maintain, and control the new soccer fields to serve the multiple youth programs. Existing buildings on the site will be utilized by Chapelwood for its ministries and community outreach programs.

**Timing:** Groundbreaking for the soccer facilities took place in spring 2007. The fields opened for play on August 27, 2007 for AHFC club teams and for "Friday Night Futbol," the first element in the free community soccer program. Work will continue into 2008 to complete the soccer facilities and related site amenities.

**Funding:** AHFC is funding the \$1.2 million youth soccer facilities at the Campbell Road Center through a capital campaign. Funds come from campaign contributions, AHFC Gala donations, and field advertising revenue. The campaign focuses on gifts from individuals, families, foundations and companies in the Houston community, including a naming gift for the soccer facilities. As of November 30, 2007 approximately \$406,206 has been raised in gifts and pledges. Gifts to support the Campbell Road Center can be made to the **Albion Hurricanes FC Facility Fund**. P.O. Box 550122, Houston TX 77255-0122. Gifts to AHFC (Tax I.D. # 76-0511457) are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**Campaign Leadership:** **AHFC Board of Directors:** Mark Horton, Tony Johnson and Mark Mathews

**AHFC Advisory Board Members:** Jim Aycock, Beth Dautat, Matt Denio, Gwen Dobrowski, Edith Gonzales, Bob Herlin, Mark Schroeder, Jeff Manley, Rhonda McCary, Mark Quiray and Bobby Zabel

**AHFC Capital Campaign Lead Committee:** Jim Aycock, Beth Dautat, John Bonner, Frank Bruno, Neil Chapman, Gwen Dobrowski, Bob Herlin, Elizabeth Kragas, Jeff Manley, Mark Mathews, Mark Schroeder, Mickey Shivitz, John Walker, Bobby Zabel and Karen Soh (Campaign Consultant)

**Field and Site Amenities:** AHFC is spending \$1.2 million to develop Houston's first and only lighted soccer facility specifically designed for practice and training needs. When fully complete, the Soccer Center will feature eight training fields, two full-size 11v11 and 1 8v8 competition playing fields, a walking path, restrooms, plentiful parking and a concession stand on a securely fenced and well-lit site. Within the central Houston area, there are no soccer fields operated by the city or county park system for youth soccer that approach these professional conditions.

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