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Wheelchair Basketball Team Camp to be held at SPIRE Institute

Youth teams from Michigan and Ohio to participate on Sat., Dec. 17, 2011

(Strongsville, Ohio) December 6, 2011 – Achievement Centers for Children is teaming up with Jim Glatch, Edinboro University and U.S. Men’s National Team Wheelchair Basketball Head Coach, to conduct a one day wheelchair basketball team camp at the SPIRE Institute, located at 1822 South Broadway in Geneva, Ohio. The camp beginning at 9:00 am and running until 6:00 pm, will provide a full day of instruction including chair skills, defensive techniques and the importance of proper nutrition. In addition, physical and occupational therapists from the Achievement Centers for Children will recommend ways for each of the participants to develop their strength, conditioning, and functional capabilities.

The Achievement Centers’ Junior Wheelchair Cavaliers Basketball team, with generous support from the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, became the first such junior team in the state of Ohio in 2010. The sport is governed by the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA). This association is comprised of over 200 wheelchair basketball teams within twenty-two conferences. The team consists of 7-12 co-ed school-aged youth with physical disabilities. The Achievement Centers’ adapted sports program, in addition to the Junior Wheelchair Cavaliers, includes adapted football, baseball, and aquatics for children and young adults with a broad range of cognitive/developmental and physical disabilities.

The Achievement Centers for Children is a Cleveland area nonprofit organization whose mission is to enable and empower children with disabilities and their families to grow, learn, play and prepare for lifelong achievement in society. Providing comprehensive high-quality, cost-effective services and programs in the areas of therapy services including the Intensive Therapy Clinic; family support; education and autism services; and recreation and sports, the Achievement Centers for Children focuses on assisting children with disabilities and their families to be all they can be. Facilities are located in Highland Hills, Westlake and Camp Cheerful in Strongsville, Ohio. For more information about the sports program or other services offered at Achievement Centers for Children, visit www.achievementcenters.org or call 216-292-9700.

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