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## Golf Proceeds for Jim Moran's Youth Automotive Training Center Will Help Kids At Risk Change Their Lives



*Pictured at the Second Annual Jim Moran Youth Automotive Training Center North Florida Golf Tournament are Mike Britt of Wachovia; Chris Hanks; former Jacksonville Jaguar Don Anthony "Tony" Boselli, Jr.; Gilbert Hanks, owner of Auto Carrier Express, Inc., this year's Presenting sponsor; and Terry Kiger, Director, Southeast Transportation Systems (STS), Inc.*

**Deerfield Beach, Fla. –** More than 125 golfers, including former Jacksonville Jaguar and current FOX Sports commentator, Don Anthony "Tony" Boselli, Jr., took to the links in the Second Annual Jim Moran Youth Automotive Training Center North Florida Golf Tournament. Presenting sponsor Auto Carrier Express, Inc. and Grand sponsor Boydston Metal Works helped the Youth Automotive Training Center (YATC) raise more than \$100,000. Proceeds benefit student scholarships which cover books, tools, daily lunches, and in some cases, transportation.

Founded by automotive legend Jim Moran, YATC, located in Deerfield Beach, offers at-risk youth basic automotive, academic, and life skills training. The nine-month curriculum prepares students for the real world, helps them find jobs and provides ongoing support and follow-up services for alumni and their families. Through the efforts of YATC, graduates have demonstrated a more than 90% success record as productive citizens, contributing to the community rather

than taking from it. The YATC Board of Directors, Advisory Board, staff and volunteers are dedicated to continuing Moran's legacy of giving young people a second chance in life.

"We were happy to be the presenter of this important fundraiser," said Gilbert Hanks, who along with his wife Vicki, are the owners of Auto Carrier Express, Inc. "With help from YATC, many of these young men and women are now making better choices in life. This program really helps turn their lives around."

This year's tournament, held at The Golf Club At Fleming Island in Orange Park, included the Toyota Tundra Hole-In-One, sponsored by Coggin Automotive, and the Toyota FJ Cruiser Hole-In-One, sponsored by Keith Pierson Toyota. Miriam's Jewelers and Southeast Toyota Distributors, LLC were among several generous raffle item donors.

Executive Director Terry Routley expressed how appreciative YATC is to have good friends in the Jacksonville area and commented, "The support we receive at our annual golfing event makes a big difference for the kids we serve who've had tough breaks in life but are now working hard to improve themselves."



### **About the Youth Automotive Training Center**

Established by Jim Moran in 1984, the mission of the Youth Automotive Training Center is to train and educate at-risk youth in basic automotive repair skills, academic remediation, job readiness and life management skills. The goal of this program is to prepare young adults who are at a disadvantage in their lives to become self-sufficient, productive, law-abiding citizens. Students are referred to YATC in a variety of ways, including through the Departments of Juvenile Justice and Children and Families, as well as YATC graduates, local clergy and word of mouth.

For more information about the Youth Automotive Training Center, visit [www.yatc.org](http://www.yatc.org) or contact Hillary Gurman, Community Relations Manager at (954) 428-0909 or at [yatcgurm@bellsouth.net](mailto:yatcgurm@bellsouth.net). YATC is located at 399 SW Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Deerfield Beach, Florida.

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