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Press Release

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Peggy Rhodes-White Nominated To The African American Golfers Hall of Fame (AAGHOF)

The Board of Directors of the AAGHOF has nominated Peggy Rhodes-White to be inducted into the second class of its Hall of Fame. Mrs. Rhodes-White is the Founder and President of “The Ted Rhodes Foundation.” Her father, Ted Rhodes, “a golf pioneer” was inducted posthumously in the 2005 inaugural class of the AAGHOF. Peggy lobbied vigorously for her father to be included into the all white “Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame” where he was born in Nashville. He was indeed the first African American. She has continued growing the game of golf where her dad left off in 1969.

The purpose of the AAGHOF is to celebrate and honor the history and achievements of African Americans in the game of golf. The goals are to establish a place where the rich, colorful and proud history of African Americans in golf is specifically showcased and displayed for the world to see; to work diligently to find, review, and honor those African Americans who have made a lasting and positive contribution to golf and to their communities; to provide an interactive educational learning experience for all young and senior golfers; to acquire and assemble the most comprehensive collection of African American golf memorabilia in the world and to purchase land and build a permanent AAGHOF complex complete with a practice facility, learning center and golf museum for generations to come.

Peggy Rhodes-White will be inducted during “The 2nd Annual African Golfers Hall of Fame Golf Tournament, Auction & Celebration” which will be presented by Inner City Youth Golfers’, Inc., during the period May 25-30, 2006 at the Wigwam Resort & Golf Club (1-800-327-0396) in Litchfield Park, AZ (Phoenix). She will join “Inaugural Inductees:” Gordon Brown, Sr.; Pete Brown; Arthur L. Davis, Sr.; Renee Fluker; Selina Johnson and William Powell. Posthumously inducted were Althea Gibson; Dr. George F. Grant, Herman Mitchell, Ted Rhodes and John Shippen. The first “Humanitarian Award” recipients were Gary Player; Richard F. Sebastian and Dr. Julius Taylor.

In addition to managing the foundation, Peggy is a very strong advocate for “women in golf.” She worked in the Pharmaceutical Industry as a successful sales representative and is Principal of Sydwaize Productions, Inc. a multi-media company headquartered in Chicago. She is a member of Toastmasters International; National Association of Female Executives and Editorial Advisory Board of the African American Golfers Digest.

Her community work includes being the Sunday School Superintendent of one of the leading “New Thought Churches” in the world which has a membership of over 10,000 and is located in Chicago, Illinois where she resides. She attributes her success to hard work, being focused, never giving up and always remembering what her Minister The Rev. Dr. Johnnie Coleman always says, “It works if you work it.” “Some things are before their time, some things come a little late but this honor comes to my father Ted Rhodes at just the right time” said Peggy when she received her father’s award in May 2005. Her daughter, Tiffany who is a college recruiter in the commercial banking group at JP Morgan Chase Bank would now say that it is not too early - mom. Executive Director, Sheryl Y. Woods congratulated her in the formal letter of nomination.

For more information, please see our website at www.africanamericangolfersshalloffame.com. ICYG is a not for profit, tax-exempt charitable organization, approved by IRS on August 9, 2000.

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