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Press Release

For Immediate Release

## **“William “Bill” Wright To Be Inducted Into The African American Golfers Hall of Fame During Its Second Annual Induction Celebration At The Wigwam Resort, Spa & Golf Club”**

“The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual African Golfers Hall of Fame Golf Tournament, Auction & Celebration” will be held at the Wigwam Resort & Golf Club in Litchfield Park, AZ (Phoenix) during the period May 25-30, 2006. Despite the fact that minority participation in golf grows exponentially each year, Blacks still remain very much a disenfranchised group on and off the golf course. The AAGHOF has begun to remedy this by institutionalizing the recognition and celebration of our historic involvement in “the growth of the game of golf.” The AAGHOF and Inner City Youth Golfers’, Inc. (ICYG) have established an annual event at which the African-American golfing community can network, interact and share their own stories about golf “then and now.”

The specific 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.

The African-American golf community is at no loss for stories documenting the struggles, tragedies and ultimate triumphs of African-American golfers. However, in spite of all these challenges, little has been done to recognize the accomplishments of those who really paved the way for today’s minority golfers.

The AAGHOF Nominees for 2006 are: Jim Dent, Tampa, Florida; William “Bill” Dickey, Phoenix, Arizona; Alton Duhon, Los Angeles, California; James Garvin, Jr., Washington, DC; LaJean W. Gould, Atlanta, Georgia; Ann Gregory, Las Vegas, Nevada; Calvin Peete, Ponte Vedra, Florida; Julius Richardson, Chicago, Illinois; Peggy Rhodes-White, Chicago, Illinois and William “Bill” Wright, Los Angeles, California. The 2006 Humanitarian Award Recipients are: Thomas A. Hart, Sr., Washington, DC; Reese A. Jarrett, San Diego, California; Calvin Goode, Phoenix, Arizona; and Michael Thomas, Mashantucket, Connecticut. Founder Malachi Knowles congratulates the 2006 Inductees and looks forward to a great event.

They will join “Inaugural Inductees” Gordon Brown, Sr.; Pete Brown; Arthur L. Davis, Sr.; Renee Fluker; Selina Johnson, Malachi Knowles 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.

ICYG is a tax-exempt charitable organization, approved by IRS on August 9, 2000. Make your reservations at the Wigwam Resort & Golf Club by calling 1-800-327-0396. For more general and sponsorship information, please see our website at [www.africanamericangolfersshalloffame.com](http://www.africanamericangolfersshalloffame.com) or call (561) 844-8774.

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