



Perris Press Release

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Perris Valley Heroes for Youth Relay Planned for May 4

Excitement is building for the May 4th "Perris Valley Heroes for Youth Relay" fundraiser on behalf of the P-Town Combat Sports Academy, a non-profit organization that coaches and mentors more than 600 City youth each year.

The fund-raiser takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Foss Field Park on the City Campus.

The day's activities, sponsored by the Perris Valley Youth Association Sports, include entertainment on the City stage and a relay walk around the park. The relay is not a race but rather like a walk-a-thon. Each participating walker will be asked to get sponsors/donations for walking during their assigned time at the relay. The City of Perris is one of several agencies and organizations participating in the May 4 event.

Event organizers hope to raise \$50,000 to help fund the sports academy, which teaches boxing, martial arts and football to youngsters from elementary to high school. An earlier silent auction of sports memorabilia raised \$15,000 toward the total.

Perris City Councilwoman Rita Rogers said P-Town is responsible for improving the lives of hundreds of Perris Valley youngsters and teen-agers. Since 2009, more than a dozen graduates of the Perris Valley Patriots Football League have received scholarships to major universities. Many more students improved their academic standing thanks to the mentoring and homework assistance provided by P-Town volunteers, Rogers said.

"I have seen first-hand how these kids have changed," Rogers said. "The discipline, self-confidence and self-esteem taught by P-Town mentors is truly inspirational. It is absolutely wonderful."

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch is the relay event chairman.

He says P-Town makes the City of Perris a better place to live.

"What this organization does with the youth of our community is outstanding and important," he says. "They turn around youngsters who are heading in the wrong direction."

P-Town founder Andre Mitchell said the City of Perris has been a great supporter of the organization for years.

"I can't think of a better city," Mitchell said. "Without the support of the City of Perris, we could not do what we do, and we do appreciate it."

More information about the May 4 fundraiser is available at 951-940-9997 or 951-906-3946.



Perris City Councilwoman Rita Rogers stands between P-Town Combat Sports Academy founder Andre Mitchell and former Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Ron Brown at a recent sports memorabilia auction for the non-profit agency.