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CELEBRATING GIRLS SOFTBALL

Fourth Annual Natasha Watley Softball League Banquet

SOUTH LOS ANGELES – The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks is celebrating the Natasha Watley Softball League's fourth season with an annual banquet on Monday, August 22, 2011 at 6:00 pm at Algin Sutton Recreation Center, a Recreation and Parks facility, located at 8800 South Hoover Street.

This year, 180 young girls from South Los Angeles, ages 9 to 12, participated in the summer softball league. Fourteen teams from eleven recreation centers competed from June through August. The Natasha Watley Softball League was created, in partnership with City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and The Natasha Watley Foundation, to provide girls living in underserved communities, the opportunity to learn and play the game of softball.

The 2011 season was a true success, many of the participants learned and played softball for the first-time in their lives. The end-of-the season banquet will honor all of the participating players with trophies. Natasha Watley will be in attendance to speak and celebrate the successful season.

During her outstanding softball career at UCLA, Natasha was a four-time first-team All-American and All-Pac 10 selection at shortstop and two-time Olympic medalist, winning the gold in 2004. Natasha graduated from UCLA in 2005 and is currently playing for Team Toyota

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in Japan. The Natasha Watley Foundation was founded to empower young women to make healthy choices, develop strong self-esteem and become leaders in their communities through character and participation in softball.

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