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On Sept. 14, Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade's Kendall Club Received New Dream Court™ in Honor of Tennis Legend Martina Navratilova

Navratilova and Nancy Lieberman Spoke to Club Members During Dedication Ceremony

Miami, Fla. – Sept. 15, 2016 – Court sports are about to heat up for the youth of Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade. On Sept. 14, Nancy Lieberman Charities Founder, Basketball Hall-of-Famer, two-time Olympian and NBA Sacramento Kings Assistant Coach Nancy Lieberman; WorldVentures Foundation™ and Sport Court opened a Dream Court™ at Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade's Kendall Club. The Dream Court was opened in a tribute to Tennis Hall-of-Famer Martina Navratilova.

Dream Courts are top-quality, multipurpose play spaces with the goal of providing children in underserved communities a safe area to play basketball, interact socially, and learn important lessons about teamwork and good sportsmanship. The Kendall Club's Dream Court is the 31st court installed to date in Boys & Girls Clubs and community parks across the country. It is 48 feet by 80 feet and will serve as a multipurpose court for tennis, volleyball and, of course, basketball. The court was built by local CourtBuilders™ Sport Court Florida.

The court is a gift from Nancy Lieberman, who is honoring longtime friend Navratilova for her great impact on the game of tennis and as an inspirational leader to women in sports, with a contribution from the United States Tennis Association (USTA).

Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade President Alex Rodriguez-Roig served as the emcee for the event. He reminisced about his 20 years of service at the Kendall Club before introducing Navratilova.

Speaking directly to the youth in attendance, Navratilova encouraged them to "play whatever sport you can imagine and wherever you are. I got my start hitting against a wall. Now you have a nice court to play on and you never know where it will take you," she said.

She also recognized the work of Nancy Lieberman Charities. "What a great thing you started with WorldVentures Foundation and are making happen," she said. "Well done, Nancy!"

Nancy Lieberman shared her sentiments during the dedication ceremony, referring to her friend as one of greatest tennis players of all time. "I didn't have any female role models growing up," said Lieberman. She said to Navratilova, "Thank you for teaching me to do good things and to give back."

Lieberman also spoke of her partnership with WorldVentures and the WorldVentures Foundation who "helped me realize my vision of the Dream Courts. Young kids need a safe place to play, where they're not judged, just loved and taken care of."

Lieberman, a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, made history in the summer of 2015 when she was hired by the Sacramento Kings, becoming just the second female assistant coach in NBA history.

She broke down gender and cultural barriers at the young age of 11 when she first started playing basketball at Rucker Park in the Harlem neighborhood of New York City.

Following the ribbon-cutting, Lieberman, accompanied by members of Boys & Girls Clubs Miami-Dade, a USTA representative, WorldVentures Independent Representatives and DreamTrips™ Members, officially opened the court with her signature half-court backwards shot. Navratilova and Lieberman, two female sports legends, hit a few tennis balls together while Kendall Club kids broke in their new court.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade

Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade has been serving youth in the community since 1940. What once was a single building and site for boys has grown to five Clubs serving thousands of boys and girls year round, providing programs in the areas of character and leadership development, educational enhancement, career preparation, health and life skills, cultural arts and sports, fitness and recreation. Club staffing, initiatives, and programs are designed to inspire and enable young people and provide them with the resources to succeed and share in the American Dream. For more information, please visit www.bgcmia.org.

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About Nancy Lieberman Charities

Nancy Lieberman Charities was established in 2009 with the mission to provide a healthy physical, emotional and mental environment for young girls and boys to build their self-esteem and confidence so they will be able to make the right choices in the future. Nancy Lieberman is dedicated to expanding and ensuring that educational and sports opportunities exist for youth through her basketball camps and clinics, DreamCourt projects, college scholarships, backpack and laptop programs. www.nancyliebermancharities.org

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