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Mayor Buddy Dyer:

We are very happy to have the opportunity to acknowledge Y'Isiah Lopes, Regional Manager of the Loch Haven Park Neighborhood Center, as a community leader and role model for Middle School Teens throughout Orange County.

Y'Isiah has shown support by participating in events held by ThinkSmart. He has helped develop communication with other City Recreational facilities; to name a few: Dover Shores, Engelwood, Citrus Square, Rosemont, and Colonialtown. STARS clubs will be developing leadership that can move on to teen committees for the Rock Haven City Re-mix (RHCR).

Y'Isiah, in his role as Chairman of the RHCR Dance recently teamed up with ThinkSmart for the City Re-mix Valentine's Day Dance. This dance provided teens with a fun-filled evening and a safe environment. Y'Isiah introduced ThinkSmart to one of the City's proactive Teen outreach leaders, Toni Shinn founder of CCSI, again leading a stronger community effort for our youth.

As you may already know, ThinkSmart is a character building abstinence education program dedicated to providing teens—ages 12 to 18—with the facts about discrimination, racism, violence, tobacco, alcohol, drugs and premarital sex. For more information about ThinkSmart, log on to our new Web site at www.ThinkSmartFlorida.com.

It takes a strong community effort to provide teens and parents with programs and activities that can help make healthy life choices. Whether it's getting involved with ThinkSmart's STARS clubs or joining Y'Isiah at the Rock Haven City Re-mix Dance, teens now have options for fun, safe entertainments.

I find it important to keep you informed, as a community leader, of the different programs offered within this community for teens and their parents. That said, I am happy to update you on some of our community STARS.

Sincerely,

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