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The Grand Opening of the Pruitt Center and the Groundbreaking of Two New Homes on the Youth For Tomorrow Campus in Bristow, VA

Wednesday May 24th was a special and a historic day on the Youth For Tomorrow campus, which included the dedication of the new Pruitt Administration and Behavioral Health Center and a ceremonial groundbreaking for the J.D. and Coy Gibbs' Homes For Boys.

The Pruitt Center will serve as the headquarters for YFT's ever expanding behavioral health services with six additional outpatient regional offices located in Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William Counties. These offices combined will conduct over 40,000 clinical sessions annually by our professional staff of 40 licensed therapists

Chair At-Large, Ann Wheeler, of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors addressed the large crowd of donors to the Pruitt Center praising the strong impact YFT has on the Prince William County community. She was joined by Vice Chair Andrea Baily and Supervisors Jeanine Lawson and Yesli Vega.

"We thank all of those friends and people who have made this possible, Coach Gibbs said, "There's people like Gary Jones and others who are on the Board that have carried Youth For Tomorrow, and it's going to do even bigger and greater things".

Coach Gibbs spoke on the Legacy of Youth For Tomorrow helping children in crisis over the last 5 decades and beyond, *"We're giving them an opportunity to reinstate their lives. I think about it all the time. How many people have been changed by the Youth Home? Cecil I thank you for the friendship, thank you for what you've done here, and we all celebrate the Pruitt Center doing great things for others".*



Following the Pruitt Center dedication, Coach Gibbs and his wife, Pat, along with many other family members and friends witnessed the ceremonial groundbreaking for the J.D. Gibbs Home for Boys and the Coy Gibbs Home for Boys. A fitting tribute to their late sons. "This idea kind of originated with good friends, Ed Laukes and Bob Carter, both of them were running Toyota. Ed and Bob made up their minds this could become a reality. They began "Project X" and secretly went to a lot of our friends and raised the funds to build these two homes. I was totally shocked when they broke the news to us when Pat and I walked into the NASCAR R&D Center in Charlotte!"

Melissa Gibbs (JD) and their son, Miller, expressed their family's commitment to the Youth Home, "for the long haul."







Later in the evening, Coach Gibbs was joined by YFT CEO Dr. Gary Jones in the Peterson Family Chapel to discuss the vision of Youth For Tomorrow for the future, and to express gratitude to all of those who have helped in the transformation of an entertaining trip down memory lane, with Coach Gibbs closing focus being based on his founding principle. *"Here at the youth home, God stepped in, God's hand has been on the youth home. We always want the youth home to be a Godly place, where every young person that comes here can hear about how God loves them, and he wants a personal relationship with each one of them. We want to make sure that is never lost."*





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