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**Anthony Munoz to MC 2007 banquet for CityCURE:
Breaking the cycle of urban despair, one life at a time**

Dirt bikes, ballet, rap music and horseback riding among highlights of creative enrichment programs enjoyed by urban youth

CINCINNATI, April 19, 2007 -- Former Bengals player and Pro Football Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz will serve as celebrity master of ceremonies for a banquet, Thursday, May 3, to raise funds and awareness for CityCURE, a nonprofit organization that provides enrichment programming for urban children.

As guests arrive at the banquet, they will get a taste of the CityCURE experience at the ministry expo as they walk through displays of tents, bicycles, snow tubes, and saddles that depict the 10 creative programs CityCURE offers urban children. CityCURE annually serves more than 5,700 youth in the city of Cincinnati by offering them opportunities to experience new challenges and gain new skills, in everything from basketball to horseback riding, and from camping to news writing.

“CityCURE touches the lives of urban children, and also touches the lives of their families, to communicate God’s love to them and give them hope for the future,” said Roger Howell, CityCURE president. “That love and hope message is woven throughout the activities they enjoy such as going to camp, being tutored after school, playing basketball and learning ballet.”

“We see the changes in their lives and we are excited to share this with friends of CityCURE each year at the banquet,” he continued. “We are especially pleased that Anthony Munoz will continue his support for our ministries by his participation as our master of ceremonies.”

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Guests at the banquet will hear the stories of children and mentors involved in CityCURE as well as watching a performance by the Princesses Ballet. The program will also include an annual ministry update from CityCURE President Roger Howell in addition to a silent auction.

The banquet will begin at 6 p.m. at the Millennium Hotel, 141 West Sixth Street in downtown Cincinnati. For table sponsorships and reserved seating, contact Melissat@citycure.org or call her at 513/345-1032.

A division of City Ministries, CityCURE has provided help and hope to Greater Cincinnati's urban youth since 1968. Innovative, relationship-based programming is at the core of this dynamic ministry. Utilizing everything from dirt bikes to rap music to action-packed summer camp experiences, these activities help CityCURE fulfill its mission of breaking the cycle of urban despair, one life at a time.

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