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*****MEDIA ALERT/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY*****

**FORMER NFL PLAYERS MICHAEL OHER & JAMARCA SANFORD
PARTNER WITH THE YMCA TO PROVIDE SCHOOL SUPPLIES,
MOTIVATIONAL MESSAGE TO YOUTH IN HOMESTEAD AREA**

Famed Football Player Featured in The Blind Side Movie to Give Back to Youth

WHO: Former NFL Players **Michael Oher** (his story told in the Academy-nominated movie *The Blind Side*, starring Sandra Bullock) and **Jamarca Sanford** (who lives in Miami); YMCA COO **Jake Steger**, Homestead Councilman **Larry Ross**, Cutler Bay Vice Mayor **Sue Loyzelle**.

WHAT: Oher and Sanford will provide motivational, positive messages around how to overcome obstacles and how to get ahead in life to 200 kids from the Homestead area, as well as give away backpacks with back-to-school supplies such as notebook paper, pencils, pens, erasers, scissors, and others.

WHEN: Friday, August 16, 2019 at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Homestead YMCA Family Center
1034 NE 8th Street, Homestead, FL 33030
(305) 248-5189

WHY: Michael Oher's Foundation Beat the Odds and Jamarca Sanford's Foundation Believe In Yourself have partnered with the YMCA to give back to kids and families in need. Additionally, Oher and Sanford want to share their stories and motivate kids to become successful regardless of their circumstances. Oher says, "Though the odds were heavily stacked against me, I had a burning desire deep down to break out of the inner-city and into a world of opportunity."

MICHAEL OHER was an offensive tackle in the NFL for 7 years, playing with the Baltimore Ravens, Tennessee Titans, Carolina Panthers. He was part of the Ravens team that won Super Bowl 47. Currently, he is running his foundation Beat the Odds, which provides empowering education and healthy living opportunities for people in need.

JAMARCA SANFORD played in the NFL for 6 years. He was a safety for the Minnesota Vikings and the New Orleans Saints. He currently lives in Miami where he is a real estate investor and runs his own non-profit organization – Believe in Yourself. His foundation is dedicated to providing opportunities for children and making their dreams come true.

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