

Washington Capitals and Equal Footing Foundation Announce Season-long Ticket Promotion to Support Youth Development and Education

Ted Leonsis to Host Kick-Off Event at the Capitals vs. Florida Panthers Game on October 18 for NVTC Members

HERNDON, Va., Oct. 13 /PRNewswire/ -- The Washington Capitals and owner Ted Leonsis will host a reception with the Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC) on October 18, 2006 to benefit the Equal Footing Foundation, and help create broader awareness and visibility of the positive educational and technology initiatives offered through the Foundation's Computer Clubhouse program. The event, being held in the Dewar's Clubhouse at the Verizon Center in Washington, DC from 5-7pm, will launch a season-long ticket promotion with the Washington Capitals to support the Foundation, and is open to the public.

Tickets for the pre-game reception, and the Capitals vs. Florida Panthers game that follows at 7pm, are available for \$90 (upper level preferred) or \$55 (lower level side) and can be purchased at <http://www.capstickets.com/nvtc.html> . The first 100 attendees to the reception will be eligible for a drawing to win signed copies of EA Sports game "NHL 07," featuring Capitals Rookie of the Year Alexander Ovechkin. Tickets for the season-long promotion to benefit the Equal Footing Foundation can be purchased by clicking on the special Foundation link at <http://www.capstickets.com/nvtc.html>.

In addition to the Capital's ticket promotion, the reception will launch a Computer Clubhouse Gaming Challenge through the support of the Entrepreneur Center @NVTC. The challenge will give participants the opportunity to become game designers and creators -- not just passive users -- by taking a project from its conception to "market." Challenge winners will be announced at the Capitals' game on March 27, 2007, with the winning game available for download on the Washington Capital Kids Web site. Throughout the hockey season, organizations and companies, such as the Electronic Software Alliance, will visit the Clubhouses to help mentor the design process.

Equal Footing Foundation's six Computer Clubhouses in Northern Virginia serve 1,300 students a week through after school programs located in established community centers. The goal is for students' ages 8-18, many without access to technology at home, to work with adult mentors to learn develop and explore their potential. Clubhouse programs are designed to excite students about learning, create fluency with new technologies, and help develop skills and experiences that will help youth succeed in their careers, contribute to their communities and lead outstanding lives.

For more information, please go to <http://www.nvtc.org>

The Equal Footing Foundation provides an equal opportunity environment where students without access to mentors and technology can access the tools needed to compete with a skilled and education workforce. By Funding, launching and sustaining Computer Clubhouses in partnership with local governments, businesses and other non-profits, Equal Footing helps develop the next generation of leaders. The Foundation is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization and contributions and sponsorships are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information, visit: <http://www.efooting.org>

