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RETIRED INDYCAR PACE CAR DRIVER SET TO INSPIRE PHOENIX KIDS

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WHO:

Racers Who Care spokesperson, Gail Truess, is scheduled to share her personal Quick Tips on Winning in Life, based on her experiences in a career as a Sports Car Club of America Rally Racer, an IndyCar Pace Car Driver, and as official IndyCar Safety Driver, with a group of children at the North Tempe Branch, AZ, Boys & Girls Club on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. .

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GAIL TRUCESS:

During her long car racing career, Gail Truess was the top ranked woman driver in the Sports Car Club of America's Michelin PRO Rally Series and one of rally racing's best-known stars, famous for her "Tango" orange Mazda 323.

Gail began racing in 1985 at auto club events. By 1988, she was second in the Central Division Rally Championships, third in National runoffs and second in class in the National Rally of Jamaica.

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She was factory driver for the BMW/Skip Barber team for the 1991 One Lap of America, and in 1992, was hired as factory driver by Subaru for the Winter Alcan 5000 Snow Rally. She scored a class win in the 1993 National Rally of Jamaica.

By 1998, she and co-driver, Pattie Hughes, took the orange Mazda 323 to sixth overall in the US Championships Open class, and tenth in the Lake Superior Rally, one of America's most prestigious international rallies.

Gail and Pattie came in fourth in the 1998 Lake Superior Rally (with a win in the Production GT class), took second in the Headwaters event, and sixth overall in Production GT for the season. By 1999, Gail and new co-driver, Cindy Krolkowski, were the Production GT season champions.

For some years, Gail was also a member of the elite all-female PPG Pace Car Team for the CART Championship Series - now called IndyCar. In 1994, as a member of the Pace Car Team, Gail began to make Quick Tips on Winning in Life presentations for Racers Who Care across the U.S. and in Canada. She and all the PPG Pace Car Drivers made "Quick Tips" presentations for nearly 10 years. More recently, Gail has participated, along with the IndyCar Safety and Medical Team, in RWC's annual Quick Tips on Winning in Life Field Trip Program for hundreds of elementary school students at the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach.

Gail retired from rally racing in 2003. From 2008 to early 2013, she was the official IRL/IndyCar Safety Car Driver. Between various motorsports projects, Gail has devoted her attention to her race car preparation firm, Rally Dynamics, and to conducting automotive training and consultancy programs, including work with the electric car industry.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NORTH TEMPE:

The North Tempe Branch of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the East Valley opened in 2006 and primarily serves youth from Laird Elementary School, McKemy Middle School, McClintock High School, Tempe High School, and Integrity Charter School. Laird Elementary has the largest ESL population in the Tempe School District, with over 40% having English as their second language. A group of dedicated Tempe citizens started the original East Valley Club in the early years and paid to keep it open and available to children because they recognized a need for a place for kids to go to escape the boredom and dangers of the streets. They have made it their number one priority to fill the opportunity gap and provide kids who come to them with a chance to build their talents, learn the value of contributing to others, and realizing their dreams. Programs and classes are offered in the arts, sports, fitness and recreation, health and life skills, character and leadership development, and education and career development. There are now eleven Boys & Girls Club branches in the East Valley annually serving approximately 43,000 children.

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WHY:

The Quick Tips on Winning in Life life skills presentations are an avenue through which professional racers can give back to the communities where they live and race, by inspiring, affirming, empowering, and fueling the dreams of children and teens and encouraging them to believe in themselves.

Quick Tips presentations center on key universal truths RWC calls Quick Tips on Winning in Life, applicable to all children and teens regardless of age, cultural background, or life experience: find something to do in life that you really love, study, learn the art of teamwork, find a mentor, take the long view, be flexible with your dreams and goals, avoid the path of least resistance, and more.

Racers Who Care, Inc. is a West Hollywood, California-based 501c3 charitable corporation, founded in 1993, that works with auto, boat, motorcycle, truck and even snowmobile racers dedicated to making a positive difference for our next generation. In Southern California, and throughout the U.S. in communities surrounding their tracks, RWC's racers have unforgettably impacted kids with exciting observations on how to succeed, presented by people who have -- very publicly, and in a field perceived as ruthless, tough and unforgiving.

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