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LOS ANGELES RACER, FELIX GILES, TO JUMP  
START BREA KIDS

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### WHO:

Racers Who Care spokesracer, Felix "Nighthawk" Giles, will share his personal insights to winning in life with Brea Clubhouse kids, at 4:00 p.m., July 9, 2013. The Brea Clubhouse is affiliated with The Boys & Girls Clubs of Brea - Placentia - Yorba Linda.



*BE FLEXIBLE WITH DREAMS AND GOALS!*

Giles, who is based in the greater Los Angeles area, is the first Black American in history to compete in the dangerous and exciting sport of Off Road Desert Racing. He was recognized on the floor of U.S. Congress for his accomplishments. He has also competed on the NASCAR Craftsman Truck series.

Felix Giles has had a varied career, both in and outside of racing. He has held top engineering positions within the aerospace community. Some of his projects included: the B-2 Stealth Bomber avionics package, nuclear hardening, missile guidance systems, submarine weapons program and Top Gun and Red Flag Training Systems for the U.S. Navy and Air Force.

He has served as an adjunct college professor, lecturing in the fields of computer science and information systems, at the undergraduate level.

The U.S. Navy was his home for thirteen years. He served aboard submarines as a SONAR Technician. His longest stint underwater without surfacing was 85 days. Also, during his Naval Service, some of his other duties included: electronics/oceanography instructor, a member of the Nuclear Reliability Weapons Team and the Foreign Military Sales team.

In motorsports, he affectionately became known as "The Nighthawk" in 1991. When recession at the time robbed him of racing sponsors, he volunteered to fly in a communications plane, relaying emergency messages from drivers and their teams to officials for the desert races. Drivers he helped, some in life or death situations, nicknamed him "Nighthawk".

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For a time, Giles was a National Spokesman for *Race Against Drugs*, an FBI-sponsored program. For this effort, he was invited to the White House by President Bush. He has received honors from President Clinton, has been entered into the Congressional Record by Congressman Louis Stokes, and has been recognized by governors, mayors, churches, special interest groups, school systems and colleges across the country.

He is a frequent performer in celebrity charity tennis and golf tournaments, supporting everything from *The Wings Abused Women Project* to *Pediatric Diabetes*.

Acting has also been added to his resume. Giles has appeared in the *Quantum Leap*, *Chicago Hope* and the *U.S. Customs Classified* television series, as well as in commercials and for industrial projects. He also has done over seventy sports interviews on both radio and television venues.

He is qualified as a *Tae Kwan Do* Martial Arts Instructor and has participated in *Asian Tae Kwan Do* competitions.

**THE BREA CLUBHOUSE'S MISSION** is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

The Brea Clubhouse is affiliated with The Boys & Girls Clubs of Brea - Placentia - Yorba Linda, and strives to provide the highest quality environment to all children in need. They offer a positive and unique place with individual attention to every Club member in order to develop character by emphasizing integrity, respect, self esteem, responsibility, and appreciation of life. They have thousands of supporters helping thousands of kids to become responsible, honest, good people who give back to others. No child is turned away.

Clubhouse representatives want every child to graduate from high school with a plan for the future. Members have resources such as getting help with homework in the education center, reading and writing clubs, help with computers and technology in the tech lab, and various art projects done in the tech lab, art room and teen center. Many volunteers from local high schools and colleges that mentor Clubhouse members.

Children are encouraged to live healthy, active lifestyles and practice making good decisions for themselves. From the nutritious food served at snack and dinners, to sports games on playing fields and gyms, to finding new ways to communicate their inner lives in the art and music rooms, to being surrounded by great mentors in staff and volunteers.

Children are welcome to come to the Brea Clubhouse during the hours it is open and can choose from a variety of activity offerings based on age and personal preference.

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## **WHERE:**

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BREA-PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA  
BREA CLUBHOUSE  
502 S. SIEVERS AVE.  
BREA, CA 92821**

## **WHY:**

Quick Tips on Winning in Life racer presentations to children's groups, schools, hospitals 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 and reach for their dreams.

Racer 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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