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TACO/THE WHITE FAMILY FOUNDATION CONTINUES ITS SUPPORT FOR PROJECT GOAL

Cranston, RI, May 31, 2012 – The Taco/White Family Foundation has announced a second grant to Project GOAL, the student soccer non-profit based in Central Falls. The philanthropic arm of Taco, which draws its funding from Taco operating profits, is providing the organization with \$7,500 annually for the next three years. The new gift marks a continuation of funding for project GOAL provided by the Foundation; in 2010 it awarded Project GOAL \$5,000 in initial funding.

Project GOAL will continue to use the funds provided by the Taco/White Family Foundation, in large part, to help meet its transportation expenses, one of its biggest expenses. Project GOAL regularly buses students to area soccer fields and brings students from Providence and Pawtucket into Central Falls to the Calcutt Middle school where it conducts its after-school tutoring sessions.

Project GOAL, which stands for Greater Opportunity for Athletes to Learn, focuses on students in Grades 6 through 8 who attend public schools in Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls. Project GOAL's program combines after-school tutoring with soccer related training and competition. Students are selected to participate in the program based on their academic potential and soccer abilities. Student participants work with educators after the school day ends, two days a week, to improve their study skills and habits. They then receive soccer training from accredited soccer coaches.

Currently the program has 80 students participating. Ninety-percent of students who have participated in Project GOAL since its inception in 2003 have graduated from high school, fulfilling the organization's objective of keeping disadvantaged youngsters in school. To date, 27 of its students have transferred to private schools like Moses Brown and Wheeler. John Olivo of Central Falls, who participated in Project GOAL for four years before transferring to Moses Brown, now volunteers with the program. He will enter Babson this fall as a freshman.

"The Foundation is especially pleased to continue its support for Project GOAL," said Nelson Rego, Taco's Vice President of Quality Control and a Foundation board member. "Project GOAL provides proof that combining academic support with the reward of athletics through soccer, young students can succeed. It's such a positive thing to see happen."



About Taco/The White Family Foundation

The Taco/White Family Foundation was established in 2000 to evaluate grants and other assistance requests from non-profit, community-based organizations serving significant social goals in Rhode Island. Since its inception the Taco/White Family Foundation has provided assistance to over 300 non-profit organizations active here in RI. Funding for the Foundation's work is provided through company profits generated by its workforce.

About Taco, Inc.

Taco, Inc., headquartered in Rhode Island, is a leading manufacturer of heating and cooling equipment for use in residential, commercial and institutional buildings. The company employs approximately 500 in Cranston, RI, Fall River, MA and Milton, Ontario, Canada. www.taco-hvac.com