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## Press Release

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### **Houston Parks and Recreation Department Tees Off at the Houston FootGolf Tournament to Support Soccer for Success**

On Saturday, November 14, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department will join with Houston Dynamo legend Brian Ching and Dynamo Charities to host the Houston FootGolf Tournament, benefiting the H.P.A.R.D. Soccer for Success program and Brian Ching's The House that Ching Built. The fun will take place at the Gus Wortham Golf Course, 7000 Capitol, 77011. Check-in starts at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Following the tournament, an awards and recognition ceremony will be held.

"We are thrilled to have Brian Ching and the Houston Dynamo as tournament partners," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Their participation in this event will boost the profile for Soccer for Success. This worthwhile program brings health education and one of the world's great sports to Houston schoolchildren."

"Since I retired from professional soccer, I have been looking for creative ways to continue The House that Ching Built initiative," said Brian Ching. "I feel fortunate to have found great partners in the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and Houston Soccer for Success. They believe in the vision of the program. We are excited to be organizing Houston's first FootGolf charity event, and hope that people love and support it for years to come."

H.P.A.R.D.'s Soccer for Success program is part of the U.S. Soccer Foundation's innovative youth development program that uses soccer as a tool to combat childhood obesity and promote a healthy lifestyle in underserved urban communities. A recent study showed that children enrolled in Soccer for Success experience statistically greater health improvements, compared to children enrolled in non-athletic, non-nutrition-based afterschool programming. In the 2015-2016 school year, H.P.A.R.D.'s Soccer for Success program will serve approximately 1,400 children through ten schools, seven parks, and one community center.

**About Dynamo Charities**

*Dynamo Charities is a 501c(3) organization and the charitable arm of the Houston Dynamo. It believes in using the power of the Dynamo and the sport of soccer to support the Houston community with programs such as The House that Ching Built. For more information, log on to [www.houstondynamo.com/charities](http://www.houstondynamo.com/charities) or call (713) 276-7533.*

**About The House that Ching Built**

*Brian Ching has partnered with Houston Habitat for Humanity on this charitable initiative since 2010 and has built three houses on the northeast side of Houston. Funds from this tournament will go to a fourth House that Ching Built and will help sustain more kids enrolled in Soccer for Success.*

**About the Houston Parks and Recreation Department**

*The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,859 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit [www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org).*