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**SAN FRANCISCO 49ers' TORREY SMITH AND THE PwC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC.
DEDICATE READING OASIS TO STUDENTS AT FRIENDSHIP PREPARATORY ACADEMY AT
CALVERTON ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th**

Torrey Smith, wide receiver for the San Francisco 49ers and founder of the Torrey Smith Foundation, and his wife Chanel, have transformed a room at Friendship Preparatory Academy at Calverton into a literacy oasis in partnership with The PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc., The Home Depot Foundation, Scholastic Book Fairs, Papa John's International, Inc., PepsiCo, and Walmart.

Torrey's Reading Oasis was created as part of the charitable programming of the Torrey Smith Foundation and its focus on improving literacy in area schools. The Reading Oasis will serve all 690 students at the school site and provide them access to over 1,200 age-appropriate books and a comfortable and safe place to read. Volunteers from PepsiCo were on hand to help transform the room.

The Smith family and representatives from PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc., Papa John's International, Inc., PepsiCo, Scholastic Book Fairs, and Walmart will be on site for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Smith, currently on his bye week, will spend time with students throughout the event.

WHERE: Friendship Preparatory Academy at Calverton #075
1100 Whitmore Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21216
Phone: (410) 396-0518
Parking available on Whitmore Ave. and Riggs Ave.

WHEN: **Thursday, November 12, 2015**
12:00 PM Media Check-in at school's main office
12:10-12:25 PM Reading Oasis open for photographs
12:30 PM Assembly begins in Auditorium
1:00 PM Dedication of the Reading Oasis begins
1:35 PM Smith available for interviews

SPONSORS: PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc., Scholastic Book Fairs, The Home Depot Foundation, Papa John's International, Inc., PepsiCo, Pixilated, and Walmart.

INTERVIEW: Torrey Smith, San Francisco 49ers Wide Receiver and Founder of the Torrey Smith Foundation
Chanel Smith, Vice President of the Torrey Smith Foundation
Martia Cooper, at Friendship Preparatory Academy at Calverton
Chimere DeVane, PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc.
Joan Scarff, Scholastic Book Fairs
Jaquetta Bratley, Walmart
Shelley Smith, Papa John's International, Inc.
Sara Herman, PepsiCo

About the Torrey Smith Foundation

The Torrey Smith Foundation betters the lives of children by providing educational support, opportunities and resources. A few of the current programs include: Torrey's Reading Oasis, Back to School Fun Fest, L.E.V.E.L. Up Camp, and the Tevin Jones Scholarship Fund. The non-profit will remain based in Baltimore.

About The PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc.

The PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc., a section 501(c)(3) organization, makes contributions to the people of PwC in times of financial hardship, and to nonprofit organizations that support and promote education and humanitarianism.

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Since 2011, The Home Depot Foundation has invested more than \$85 million to provide safe housing to veterans, and along with the help of Team Depot volunteers, has transformed more than 17,000 homes for veterans. To learn more and see Team Depot in action, visit www.homedepot.com/teamdepot.

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