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FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015: SAN FRANCISCO 49ers' TORREY SMITH AND THE PwC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC. DEDICATE READING OASIS TO STUDENTS AT GARDENVILLE ELEMENTARY

WHAT: Torrey Smith, wide receiver for the San Francisco 49ers and founder of the Torrey Smith Foundation, has transformed a room at Gardenville Elementary into a literacy oasis through grants from the PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc., The Home Depot Foundation 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, made possible through grants from the PwC Charitable Foundation, The Home Depot Foundation and Walmart, will service 394 students at Gardenville Elementary and provide them access to over 1,200 age-appropriate books, electronic readers, and a comfortable and safe place to read. Volunteers from the community were on hand over the weekend and all week to transform the room.

Smith and representatives from PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc., The Home Depot Foundation, Walmart and Scholastic will be on site for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Following the ceremony, Smith will spend time with students.

Media is welcome to attend dedication.

WHERE: **Gardenville Elementary**
 5300 Belair Road
 Baltimore, MD 21206
 Phone: 410-396-6382
Parking is available on Frankford Ave

WHEN: **Friday, May 22nd**
 9:40 AM Media Check-in
 10:00 AM Dedication of the Reading Oasis begins (Media welcome)
 11:00 AM Smith available for interviews

SPONSORS: PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc., Scholastic, Home Depot Foundation, Walmart, Papa Johns International, Inc., Pixilated Photobooth, mural by Shawn Forton.

INTERVIEW: Torrey Smith, San Francisco 49ers Wide Receiver and Founder of the Torrey Smith Foundation
 Chanel Smith, Vice President of the Torrey Smith Foundation
 Anthony Brooks, Principal at Gardenville Elementary
 Chimere DeVane, PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc.,
 Joan Scarff, Scholastic
 Roxanna Ortiz and Katie Fuller, The Home Depot
 Jaquetta Bratley, Walmart
 Bob Billman, Papa John's International, Inc.

About the Torrey Smith Foundation

The mission of the Torrey Smith Foundation is to better the lives of children by providing educational support, opportunities and resources. The current programs include: Torrey's Reading Oasis, Torrey's Back to School Program, Torrey's Turkey Day, Teaming Up With Torrey, and the Tevin Jones Scholarship Fund. The Foundation will remain based in Baltimore, and has plans to expand to the Bay area.

About The PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc.

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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.