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### **Antioch Little League Celebrates Completion of its Renovation with Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Saturday, April 2**

*Local Non-Profit Organization, "TLC for Kids Sports" Grants Local Youth A New Ball Field and Congressional Recognition*

BERKELEY, CA, March 22, 2011 – Non-profit organization TLC for Kids Sports, sponsored by O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc., announced today that the Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Antioch Little League fields will take place on Saturday, April 2, at 10 a.m. The fields are located at 10<sup>th</sup> and O Streets in Antioch, California. The event is the culmination of hard work, dedication and a little TLC that was much-needed by the local community. Antioch Little League has been active in the area for over 50 years and includes boys divisions from T-ball through Majors, girls softball divisions, and The Challenger Division; a very special program designed for physically and mentally disabled children, ages 5–22 years old, to enjoy tee ball or coach pitched baseball.

In true baseball fashion, the ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. with the national anthem. Brian Hooker, from the office of Congressman John Garamendi, will be in attendance to present a Certificate of Congressional Recognition for the event, followed by a Challenger Invitational Game in which celebrity athletes including Brent Jones, former San Francisco 49er, and Vicky Galindo, Olympic Silver Medalist – Softball will participate. Other invited guests include notable public officials, community representatives and local athletes.

O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc., a Berkeley-based construction firm, created TLC for Kids Sports, a non-profit community outreach effort aimed at improving kids' sports fields. Through an ongoing partnership with KNBR 680/1050 AM Radio, a contest was created for local youth sports fields to be selected and fully renovated in hopes to create a positive long lasting impact on local youth.

"Sponsoring the TLC for Kids Sports program has been a way for all of us at O.C. Jones to give back and our employees recognize there is always a way to give back," said Kelly Kolander, President and CEO of O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc. "The children of Antioch Little League will have a renewed sense of pride playing on their renovated field, knowing that someone took the time to lend a helping hand and give them a tool to succeed. We are excited about opening day and to see the visitors and players excitement surrounding the renovation and access now afforded to the Challenger participants."

Work is almost complete in transforming the rundown fields into a place of great pride where the Challenger program can flourish. Throughout the renovation, O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc. gave priority attention to access, safety and community space. Children will be playing on a safer infield, reducing the potential for injury. Paved areas for community gatherings with picnic tables have also been installed as well as new and improved handicapped accessible areas for Challenger children. Facelifts to the dugouts, fences, bleachers and backstops were also made.

"O.C. Jones and TLC for Kids Sports has just given our community the best gift our kids, parents and families could ask for...hope, pride and joy!" said Fred Shier, Field Site Manager/Board Member of the Antioch Little League in reaction to winning the contest for the field renovation.

In early March, O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc. hosted a special Volunteer Day where residents of the community came down and lent a helping hand. Over 75 individuals showed up to help with the finishing touches by performing minor landscaping, painting and fixing up onsite equipment. Kelly Williams, an O.C. Jones



employee, was on-hand with her family, including her 15-year-old daughter and said, “It gave my family a chance to give back to the community by really just giving our time. It was very satisfying to see how much progress was made in such a short amount of time. As we left the park we all agreed that we look forward to doing it again!” This is a living testimony to the fact that this is a true community project.

Along the way, local corporations, businesses and the community were encouraged to sponsor the project by donating funds, services, and other resources from groundbreaking to the Opening Ceremony. A special thanks to the following sponsors: Valero, Pankow, Amici’s Pizza, Antioch Building Materials, Trex Company, Dunn-Edwards Paints, Peterson Tractor, Jenkins Insurance Group, Quick Crete Products Corp., Aldino’s Pizza, and Bear Claw Bakery.

TLC for Kids Sports began in 2009 when O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc. announced they would sponsor the TLC for Kids Sports contest through KNBR as a demonstration of its commitment to local neighborhoods and an interest in improving the area where its employees work and live. Eastridge Little League in San Jose was the first school to have its field renovated in April 2010. Following, began its second year with entrants submitting an essay and photos to nominate their community ballpark or field. Each month, finalists were selected and announced. In August 2010, KNBR and O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc. announced the new winner of the TLC for Kids Sports Contest - the Antioch Little League.

#### **About TLC for Kids Sports**

The TLC for Kids Sports Program ([www.TLCforKidsSports.org](http://www.TLCforKidsSports.org)), sponsored by O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc., is a non-profit corporation focused on community outreach. Our aim is to improve kids’ sports throughout the Bay Area...one field at a time.

In this time of economic uncertainty, O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc. was seeking to promote some uplifting news amidst increasing budget woes felt throughout the country. O.C. Jones, a Berkeley-based construction firm specializing in athletic fields, found the perfect opportunity to help those in need by sponsoring the TLC for Kids Sports program. Through the program, O.C. Jones partnered with KNBR 680/1050 AM Radio to hold a special contest. The deserving winner would receive a new ball field – a luxury not easily afforded to the children who would be using the field.

#### **About O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc.**

O. C. Jones & Sons, Inc. ([www.ocjones.com](http://www.ocjones.com)), founded in 1924 by Olin Clement Jones, began as a small concrete placing firm in Berkeley, California. Olin specialized in transporting and placing a new product, later to be known as ready-mixed concrete. Following WWII, Olin was joined by his sons, Harold and Robert, and the company expanded into new market segments and increased its geographical reach.

Today, O.C. Jones specializes in public and private heavy civil work, focusing on paving, grading, and underground. Satellite offices encircle the greater Bay Area in Santa Clara, Santa Rosa, Vallejo, and Oakland, enabling us to build major highways, airport runways, athletic fields, and large-scale site developments.

O.C. Jones is recognized with numerous safety, environmental “green building”, project management, partnering and construction awards. With over 85 years of experience, the company continues to build on its heritage and expertise. O.C. Jones takes pride in our hard-earned reputation for customer satisfaction through quality, safe, on-time and cost-effective projects and services.

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