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**FORMER NFL GRIDIRON PLAYERS JOIN FORCES WITH THE CITY OF
POMPANO BEACH AND HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS TO HOST THE
1ST ANNUAL CROCKETT FOUNDATION FAMILY HEALTH FESTIVAL**

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POMPANO BEACH, FL, April 1, 2009 – Former NFL players and brothers Henri and Zach Crockett are preparing the City of Pompano Beach for its first annual Crockett Foundation Family Health and Community Awareness Festival on Saturday April 25, 2009 at E. Par Larkins' Community Center located at 520 NW 6th Avenue and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd (MLK) corridor.

The 1st Annual Crockett Foundation Family Health and Community Awareness Festival is being organized in memory of the former Mayor and City Commissioner, E. Pat Larkins, who recently passed away after a 16-month battle with brain cancer. Larkins, a former mentor to the Crockett brothers and a strong and empathetic leader in the Pompano Beach community, served the residents in the area for over 19 consecutive years and was the city's first African-American Mayor for seven terms. "Pat was a mentor, and someone that I looked up to when I needed guidance as a kid and an adult and this festival will pay tribute to Commissioner E. Pat Larkins, for all of the tireless work that he did for the community," states Henri Crockett, Founder Crockett Foundation.

Since 2001, the Crockett Foundation has focused on providing services, awareness and empowerment opportunities to the community. The Crockett Foundation is determined to rid the problems inherent within our urban communities. With the growing number of underinsured Americans and the consistent spread of illness such as diabetes, heart health deficiencies and obesity through generations, the Crockett brothers feel it necessary to host the first annual Family health and Community Awareness Festival in the City of Pompano. Ultimately, at the conclusion of the activities on April 25th, we hope that all in attendance would walk away with an increased awareness for the need of maintaining healthy lifestyle.

The Festival will begin at 8:00 am with free health screenings and specialized testing conducted by the professional medical staff of **Broward Health's North Broward Hospital**. Throughout the day the **Broward County Health Department** and **Holy Cross Medical Center** will also be conducting free health screenings, immunizations for children and a host of several health seminars will be conducted inside of the auditorium for individuals who would like to learn more about various issues.

The Festival will progress to the MLK, Jr., Blvd corridor with street vendors passing along information to individuals regarding mental health issues, prepaid legal services, faith-based organization assistance along with authors and specialized food vendors. Students from Broward County area public schools will perform various step routines, special choir presentations, and the Blanch Ely High School Jazz Ensemble will entertain festival goers on the main stage.

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Henri and Zach Crockett, along with business partner, foundation board executive and former team mate of both, O.J. Santiago will make special presentations to sponsors and the City of Pompano Beach officials in honor of the Late Mr. Larkins for making this event possible for the residents of Broward County especially the City of Pompano Beach.

The 1st annual Crockett Foundation Family Health and Community Awareness Festival is sponsored in part by partnerships with *Broward Healthy Start Coalition, Inc., D.S. Stephenson Construction, Red Bull, Mr. Squeaky Car Wash* and *M.D. Stewart & Associates, LLC*. For more information or to become a vendor for the 1st Annual Crockett Foundation Family Health and Community Festival, call (954) 367-2516 or visit us at www.crockettfoundation.org.

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About Crockett Foundation

The Crockett Foundation is a South Florida based not-for-profit organization committed to improving the lives of individuals and families by producing and providing pertinent information and programming about health and wellness concerns affecting the community, and educational, tutoring and mentoring services for youth. The Crockett Foundation annually hosts the Life Skills Clinic and Football Camp, Crockett Foundation Classic Golf Tournament, and the Annual Family Health & Community Awareness Festival to support its mission for creating and building better and healthier communities.