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**For Immediate Release: Isles Students Give Back with Trenton Thunder**

Trenton, N.J. – On Friday, April 21, Trenton Thunder’s F.I.E.L.D. program is hosting a community service day for Isles students, staff, and Trustees to rebuild the Chambersburg Little League Field.

At Isles Youth Institute (IYI), Isles’ alternative education option for at-risk youth, learning goes far beyond the classroom. Our goal is not only to provide students with the tools necessary for career success, but to create a generation of community-oriented residents. This Friday, April 21, Isles students have a unique opportunity to hone that skill as a part of Trenton Thunder’s F.I.E.L.D. Program, which brings together volunteers and corporate partners to help inspire and support the next generation of baseball players in Trenton.

F.I.E.L.D. stands for Focused Initiative for Enhanced Learning and Development, and this year it provides a chance for youth to support youth. Students, along with staff and Trustees from Isles, will renovate Chambersburg Little League Field to help neighborhood children learn the game of



baseball in a fun and safe environment for all. "We're thrilled to work with an organization that is as passionate about Trenton youth as we are," said Director of Community Affairs, Vince Marcucci. "Together, we will make Chambersburg Little League feel like the Major Leagues for generations to come!"

Earlier this month, Trenton Thunder invited IYI students to help plan the collaboration between the two organizations. IYI Program

Coordinator Stacy Heading shared, “It was a great opportunity for our students. Not only were they able to practice their leadership skills, but they also got to see another side of The Thunder. They know it as the stadium, but now they also know it as an organization that takes community service seriously. Just like IYI, the Thunder is invested in improving Trenton—and they start with the youth.”

**Come see the transformation in action between 10am and 4 pm on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Chambersburg Little League Field at 470 Chestnut Ave, Trenton, NJ 086113.**

**About Isles:**

Founded in 1981, Isles, Inc. is a community development and environmental organization based in Trenton, New Jersey. With a mission to foster self-reliant families and healthy, sustainable communities, Isles designs and develops effective services that support this mission and share what they learn with others who can make a difference. Beyond its central New Jersey base, Isles works to influence policy and practices that support healthy, self-help agendas. For more information, visit [www.isles.org](http://www.isles.org), [facebook.com/islesinc](https://facebook.com/islesinc), [facebook.com/islesyouthinsitute](https://facebook.com/islesyouthinsitute), [twitter.com/islesinc](https://twitter.com/islesinc)

**About Trenton Thunder:**

The Thunder, Double-A Affiliate of the New York Yankees, play in the 12 team Eastern League. The Thunder have drawn over nine million fans to ARM & HAMMER Park over 23 years and have won the three major awards that Minor League Baseball teams can win; the Johnson Trophy for the "Nation's Best Franchise" (2005), the Larry MacPhail Trophy for Outstanding Club Promotion (2003) and the Bob Frietas Award for Long-Term Success (1998, given by Baseball America). The team has given back over \$6 million worth of goods, services and monetary donations through Trenton Thunder Charities, under the Grand Slam We Care Foundation umbrella. The Thunder can be found online at [trentonthunder.com](http://trentonthunder.com), [facebook.com/trentonthunder](https://facebook.com/trentonthunder), [twitter.com/trentonthunder](https://twitter.com/trentonthunder) and on [youtube.com/AA\\_TrentonThunder](https://youtube.com/AA_TrentonThunder)

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