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### AFCA/FBI National Child ID Program Partners with Former FBI Agents

Dallas, TEXAS—The American Football Coaches Association and FBI's National Child ID Program has joined efforts with the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI to distribute child ID kits throughout the country. Over the past year, more than 45,000 kits have been distributed through 41 chapters of former agents nationwide. The Society has partnered with the program for another year and will continue to be a distributing arm for the program.

Last year, the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI helped further the cause of child safety by distributing ID kits to children at multiple community events including Major League Baseball games, zoos, churches, fairs, and schools.

“Partners like the Society of Former Special Agents are the key reason the National Child ID Program has been able to distribute more than 20 million kits nationwide since its inception. We are grateful for our partners and their heart and effort to protect America’s children,” said Kenny Hansmire, Executive Director of the AFCA/FBI National Child ID Program.

The National Child ID Program was founded by the American Football Coaches Association and coaches across the country have adopted it as their cause. Jim Tressel, head football coach at Ohio State University, said, “We are excited about the opportunities new partnerships bring to the National Child ID Program. Our goal is to protect America’s youth and the more children we can reach, the more successful we become in attaining that goal.”

Coaches Jim Grobe and Rich Rodriguez also voiced their excitement about the partnership with the Society of Former Special Agents at the AFCA summer board meetings held in Phoenix this past week. “The Coaches are always looking for ways to expand the number of kits we are able to distribute in the community and the Society of Former Special Agents has given us a perfect outlet to protect children both in our local communities and across the country,” said Grobe.

Rodriguez expressed his gratitude to the Society for the desire to help the AFCA and the FBI in this vital cause.

“Part of the mission of the Society is to be a positive force in America. The National Cause that the Society has adopted will support this mission,” said Johnie Joyce,

President of the Society. He mentioned that many Society members were involved in investigating crimes against children when they were active duty Special Agents.

Society President-Elect John Kelso said that the National Cause theme “Love Your Child, Protect Your Child” will allow Society members to give back to the community and play an active role in focusing on our most valuable but also our most vulnerable asset, our children.

“On behalf of the American Football Coaches Association, I would like to thank the Society of Former Special Agents for their efforts to help us protect America’s future by protecting its youth. Protecting America’s children through the National Child ID Program is one of the coach’s most important causes and we are excited to have the former agents on board,” said Grant Teaff, Executive Director of the AFCA.

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