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**Nassau County Sports Commission's "Let's Do It!"  
Swings into Golf on May 8, 2000**

**Manhasset, NY (May 8, 2000)** --The not-for-profit, Nassau County Sports Commission (NCSC) is pleased to announce that it has joined forces with the Multi Cultural Golf Association of America (MGAA) and Larry's Golf in order to introduce children in Nassau County to the sport of golf. The eight-week introductory golf session kicks off on May 8, 2000 for the participants in the NCSC's *Let's Do It!* program. The program, exposing children of all backgrounds to non-traditional sports, will host over 100 children between the ages of 8 and 15 who will receive top instruction, equipment, and transportation, enabling them to be introduced to this exciting sport. The MGAA, a not-for-profit organization, will provide the framework for the program. The instruction will incorporate physical skills, empowerment talks emphasizing the importance of academics and golf related career information will be incorporated. The MGAA is a nationwide program that supports programs such as *Let's Do It!*, making golf available and accessible to inner-city youth in conjunction with and in support of positive development, stated John David, president MGAA.

Larry's Golf, the largest retail golf merchandiser on Long Island, will provide top quality equipment for the participants and will facilitate instructors for the sessions. The program will be hosted at the Eisenhower Park driving range, and the chipping and putting areas within the park. Sessions will run Monday through Thursday from 5PM-6PM, weather permitting, with each participant attending one day per week. At the conclusion of the program, interested participants will have an opportunity to play in a foursome on a regulation golf course and will have access to follow up golf instruction, information and more, to include Kids Golf, "Drive, Pitch & Putt Worldwide Competition", which legendary golfer Jack Nicklaus is an honorary chairperson.

The Nassau County Sports Commission's *Let's Do It!* initiative, made possible through the efforts of the Sanjay Kumar Foundation and Computer Associates International, Inc., is a sports participation program facilitating 8 to 12 week sessions, exposing children of all backgrounds to non-traditional sports. Currently, the program reaches out to 11 community-based youth organizations within Nassau County, each with 15 participants between the ages of 8 and 15. Since the start of the program in June 1999, it has introduced the children to swimming, tennis, martial arts and golf. Each sport hosts approximately 100-150 kids and for many, these are first time experiences. In addition to their instruction, participants attend professional and amateur sporting events as spectators. They have attended several New York Islander games, the Women's Tennis Association Chase Championships at Madison Square Garden, the Hamlet Cup, several Hofstra basketball and wrestling events, the Empire State Games swimming competitions and more. In addition, participants were introduced to ice skating and were part of a sport career orientation, when they attended a one-day session at the Rinx, Hauppauge, NY.

The Nassau County Sports Commission (NCSC), a non-profit, 501(c) organization, created in 1992, promotes and enhances the quality of life for area residence, while improving the economy of the region through sports. The NCSC provides the leadership to make Nassau County a local, national and international focus in order to attract, promote and sponsor sports competitions and events. For more information on the NCSC, please visit our website at [www.nassausports.org](http://www.nassausports.org)

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