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Columbus Dodgeball Tournament makes freedom possible as a supporter of International Justice Mission

Columbus, Ohio (October 12, 2015) — Columbus Dodgeball Tournament is supporting the human rights agency International Justice Mission (IJM) to make freedom possible for children and families. The funds raised will support IJM's efforts to bring freedom to families held in slavery, children forced into prostitution and others trapped in violent injustice around the world.

The Columbus Dodgeball Tournament is being organized with support from local businesses geoAMPS LLC and Dublin Lifetime Fitness which are donating funds and facilities to the event. The tournament will be held at Lifetime Fitness, 3825 Hard Road, Dublin, OH on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 at 6 p.m.

The goal of the tournament is to raise \$4,500 through team registration cost and donations to support rescue mission operations conducted by the IJM to end sex slavery around the world.

"I'm excited to help raise money for such an important cause," Dustin Pearce, event coordinator, said. "Many people don't realize that human trafficking and sex slavery are still huge problems in our world today. I hope that through growing support, including community events like this tournament, we can see an end to sex slavery in our lifetimes."

Every day, IJM works with local governments in Africa, Asia and Latin America to:

- Rescue people out of slavery, sex trafficking and other forms of violent injustice
- Help survivors heal through aftercare and counseling
- Hold criminals accountable in local courts
- Help communities fix the problem for good - so no one else becomes a victim

The tournament is expected to attract up to 190 individuals and has generated interest from amateur and professional dodgeball players alike. To participate, individuals are encouraged to form teams of 6 to 10 players with at least two female participants. The registration fee of \$280 per team will go directly to the IJM. The tournament will consist of 16 teams competing in a double elimination bracket. Other event activities will include goodie bags at the registration desk, discounted café items at Life Cafe within Lifetime Fitness and a raffle. There are also opportunities for local businesses to aid in the event through donations and other support.

For more information, visit columbusdodgeball.org.

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