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**FOREST CITY RATNER COMPANIES SPONSOR BROOKLYN'S
THIRD SEMI-ANNUAL BOROUGH-WIDE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

*Hundreds of Players from Across the Borough Compete
to be the 'Kings of Kings County'*

November 2, 2007 (Brooklyn, NY) - Forest City Ratner Companies (FCRC) and the Nets today launched the third Semi-Annual Borough-Wide Basketball Tournament, with the first games today being played at St. Peter Claver Church in Bedford-Stuyvesant and at St. Vincent Ferrer in Flatbush, Brooklyn. Games will run through Championship Day on Sunday, November 18th, with games played Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during all weekends of the tournament. Hundreds of boys, ranging from 11 to 13 years old, are expected to play. Entry to the pool play tournament is free for all participants.

“Brooklyn has some of the best young basketball players around, and we’re thrilled to be able to showcase their talents in this tournament,” said Bruce Ratner, CEO and Chairman of FCRC.

“Competitive sports programs like this not only provide exercise, fun and entertainment, but also help kids develop confidence and teamwork skills that will make them strong leaders and role models in the Brooklyn community.”

All competing players will receive uniforms for game-play as well as giveaways and prizes, courtesy of FCRC. Tournament rounds will be held at different sites throughout Brooklyn, culminating in two championship games that will take place at St. Francis College on November 18th. In addition to the tournament’s decisive match-up, the excitement of Championship Day will feature food, entertainment, prizes, and guest appearances by a former NBA Nets star.

The basketball tournament is the latest in a series of initiatives by FCRC and the Nets to promote important athletic values like leadership, teamwork, and dedication to hard work among school-age children in New York.

The schedule for the kick-off weekend of the tournament follows, with the schedule and locations of the following games to be determined.

Fri. Nov. 2, 4:30 pm: St. Peter Claver Church, 29 Claver Pl., Bed-Stuy
Fri Nov. 2, 5:30 pm: St. Vincent Ferrer, E. 37th & Glenwood Rd., Flatbush
Sat. Nov. 3, 11 am: St. Vincent Ferrer, E. 37th & Glenwood Rd., Flatbush
Sat. Nov. 3, 1pm, St. Ephrem’s Church, 935 Bay Ridge Pkwy, Bay Ridge
Sat. Nov. 3, 3 pm: St. Peter Claver Church, 29 Claver Pl., Bed-Stuy
Sun. Nov. 4, 1p.m: St. Patrick’s Church, 95th St. & 4th Ave, Bay Ridge
Sun. Nov. 4, 4 p.m. St. Peter Claver Church, 29 Claver Pl., Bed-Stuy