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Portland Timbers to hold Soccer Clinics in N. Clackamas *A summer program established by Metropolitan Family Service teams up with the Portland Timbers to hold soccer clinics in North Clackamas*

Portland, OR—July 15, 2011— A partnership between Metropolitan Family Service and the Portland Timbers PDL (U-23) team will bring Timbers players to North Clackamas community schools this summer. Soccer players from the Timbers premier development league will do one day clinics at four summer community school sites. The clinics are free to community school participants.

Metropolitan Family Service community schools provide activities and academic enrichment to students in Portland metro area. Children are referred by teachers, administrator, parents and other community members. The summer program is also part of the North Clackamas Schools summer food program that provides free lunch to children under 18 years old.

The first soccer clinic took place at Oak Grove Elementary on July 6. Players coached about 40 children in the program on their soccer skills. Afterwards a question and answer session was held and team members signed autographs. A second clinic was held on July 13 at Seth Lewelling Elementary.

Two more soccer clinics are scheduled in July; Wednesday July 21 at Lot Whitcomb Elementary and Wednesday; and July 27 at Rowe Middle School. Depending on the playoff schedule, Timbers players may also be able to attend a final “World Cup” event at Seth Lewelling Elementary on August 4.

Background Information

About **Metropolitan Family Service** (MFS): For sixty years, Metropolitan Family Service has played a vital role in the lives of children, families, and older adults. We provide services at more than 100 sites, including more than 80 schools. Metropolitan

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Family Service makes connections that strengthen the lives of 30,000 individuals and families each year.

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Child and Family Enrichment (CAFÉ) is a program of Metropolitan Family Service. CAFÉ provides after school and summer program classes and activities to promote student success by engaging children and their families. CAFÉ works with community partners like the Portland Timbers to feature a wide range of reading, writing, drama, art and math in after school and summer programs. Financial support for Metropolitan Family Service CAFÉ includes funding through the 21st Century Learning Centers, local school districts and the generous support of corporate, private and individual supporters. For more information, contact CAFÉ at 503 232.0007, ext. 127.

The **Portland Timbers** are an American professional soccer club based in Portland, Oregon that competes in Major League Soccer. The Timbers are the 18th franchise of Major League Soccer. For more information on Portland Timbers youth soccer camps visit <http://www.portlandtimbers.com/youth/portland-timbers-camp-program>.

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