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Press Release

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Atlanta Communities Celebrate Banner Year! Inner City Kids vs Inner City Cops in the 5th Annual Safe At Home Game™.

For 5th Consecutive Year, Atlanta Kids and Cops Compete on Baseball Diamond and Lead Atlanta Communities in Goodwill and Fellowship

Atlanta, GA, May 29, 2019: On Saturday, August 24, 2019, L.E.A.D. Ambassadors and Officers of the Atlanta Police Department will compete in the 5th annual Safe At Home Game on Moore-Cledenon Baseball Field on the campus of Atlanta's historic Booker T. Washington High School.

Players from these two very different groups will come together on game day to compete on the diamond for the 5th consecutive year through their common love of baseball. Leading the way are L.E.A.D. Ambassadors, young men from a local non-profit organization and Officers from APD's baseball team. Their shared purpose is to celebrate and continue to build upon the fellowship and goodwill that they've established over the past four years. The game is 7-innings, self-officiated and competitive.

The [Safe at Home Game](#) is a big win for both teams and Atlanta's inner-city communities. The relationship between L.E.A.D.'s young men and the Atlanta Police Department Officers has grown stronger over the last four years due to their participation in this initiative.

Two players said the following about their own Safe At Home Game experience:

"There are a lot of people who talk about police brutality, but a lot of them aren't doing anything to help it. By playing this self-officiated game against Atlanta Police Officers, we're doing

something to help make things better,” said LEAD Ambassador Vernard Kennedy, a 2017 graduate of Carver Early College who is currently attending Georgia State

Veteran police officer, Lieutenant Jim Hodge, shared, “It’s really been an eye opener for me. I’ve grown close to some of the kids and this experience has helped me see things in a different light.”

The Safe At Home Game is presented by [L.E.A.D., Inc.](#) and [APIVEO](#), and is in partnership with the Ambassadors and the Atlanta Police Foundation.

L.E.A.D. Ambassadors, Atlanta Police Department officers and other Safe At Home organizers are available for interviews. For further information and to schedule an interview contact Kelli Stewart, Co-Founder and Executive Director of L.E.A.D., Inc. via phone at 404.662.2538 or email at kelli.stewart@lead2legacy.org

About L.E.A.D., Inc.

[L.E.A.D.](#) stands for Launch, Expose, Advise, Direct. It is a **501 (c)3 nonprofit organization** operating in Atlanta, Georgia. Its mission is to empower an at-risk generation to lead and transform their City. Through year-round Pathway2Empowerment Programming, LEAD is inspiring and equipping young, Black males to earn positions of leadership in business, education and government in Atlanta and beyond.

About APIVEO

[APIVEO®](#) stands for **Always Play IV Each Other™**. “Always Play IV Each Other®” is a commitment to intentionally use your gifts and talents to help others. When you’re not first...you always win.® Its mission is to have a positive long lasting impact on youth. It strives to empower youth coaches by giving them simple, positive and age appropriate life and leadership lessons to share with their team. Its commitment is to provide fun and engaging materials for coaches, players and parents through our website as well as live clinics and seminars.

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