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**URBAN SQUASH CLEVELAND PLANS GRAND OPENING OF NEW FACILITY ON
URBAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CAMPUS AT WEST 47TH AND LORAIN AVENUE**

Cleveland, Ohio – (August 31, 2018) Urban Squash Cleveland (USC) announced today the plans for the grand opening of its Youth Development Center on the campus of Urban Community School (UCS) at the corner of West 47th Street and Lorain Avenue on Saturday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m.

This new 10,000-square-foot building features four squash courts, classrooms for 60 students, administrative headquarters, and boys' and girls' locker rooms. The building will also include a unique, full-sized glass squash court in the middle of the facility.

USC Executive Director, Iago Cornes, states that “The Youth Development Center will mark a before and an after in the organization’s history. The facility will allow us to focus more efficiently on delivering high-quality programming and providing empowering opportunities for our kids, serving more children better. Our students will finally have a building they can call their own.”

Part of the Squash + Education Alliance (SEA), USC is an accredited program geared toward providing opportunities for youth to learn the game of squash, receive academic support, develop socially, visit colleges, and meet other youth from all over the country involved in similar programs in other cities. In addition to USC’s four-year partnership with UCS, USC also serves youth from other schools including E-prep and the Cleveland School of Science and Medicine at John Hay.

“We are very excited to have the Urban Squash Cleveland Youth Development Center on campus,” says Tom Gill, President of UCS. “We continue to pride ourselves on being an anchor in the neighborhood where strong community is built. The new addition not only will provide great opportunities from many children of UCS, but also for the surrounding community. It is yet another example that has proven we are better together in partnership than we are on our own.”

Throughout the morning, various squash clinics and lessons will take place within the new facility. Food and drink will be available for guests to enjoy. USC kids will have the opportunity to give tours of the new building during the evening event. As part of the event’s activities, Borja

Golan, the most accomplished squash player in Spain's history, will take on the three-time World Champion, Nick Matthew, from England, in an all-star squash exhibition.

For additional information about the facility or details about the event, please contact Iago Cornes at (216) 315-2258 or by email at iago@urbansquashcleveland.org.

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ABOUT URBAN SQUASH CLEVELAND

Urban Squash Cleveland is a youth development organization that works with children from inner city public schools. Urban Squash Cleveland combines academic support, instruction in the sport of squash, community service, as well as providing mentoring, life skills and highly valuable opportunities to empower middle and high school children in Cleveland to reach their potential. For more information, visit urbansquashcleveland.com.

ABOUT URBAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Founded in 1968, Urban Community School (UCS) is an independent, non-graded, preschool through 8th level school that provides primarily low-income children from Cleveland's Near West Side with an individualized, innovative, and challenging education. Founded by the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland and committed individuals, UCS is an ecumenical school in the Catholic tradition. For more information, visit urbancommunityschool.org.