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USA WEEKEND Magazine Presents its Most Caring Athlete Award to Andre Agassi

McLEAN, VA – USA WEEKEND Magazine will present its 2001 Most Caring Athlete Award to tennis superstar Andre Agassi on Thursday, April 4, 2002 at the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy in Las Vegas. Dave Barber, USA WEEKEND Magazine Vice President, Newspaper Relations, will present the award at the 3:00pm ceremony. Agassi will also be honored by United States Senator Harry Reid who will be on site for the presentation.

Agassi is one of two 2001 USA WEEKEND Most Caring Athlete award recipients. The magazine created the high-profile citation in 1994 to commend professional athletes who regularly devote their time and talent to helping others. Selection as a Most Caring Athlete honors players who put their visibility to extraordinary use in their hometowns and adopted neighborhoods.

“Few athletes have reached Andre’s level of international recognition,” says Marcia Bullard, USA WEEKEND President, CEO & Editor. “What makes his accomplishment even more impressive is the extraordinary ways in which he shares it: Numerous children in the Las Vegas area have benefited because of the work of the Andre Agassi Foundation. USA WEEKEND is very pleased to present this award to Andre and to make public note of his regular acts of generosity and good will.”

NBA Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning was also honored as a 2001 Most Caring Athlete by USA WEEKEND Magazine. The magazine has donated \$5000 to each recipient’s foundation.

The Andre Agassi Foundation provides recreational and educational opportunities for at-risk boys and girls by assisting underprivileged, abused and abandoned children who may be deprived of basic options in life. The foundation’s efforts have benefited, among others, Operation School Bell, which provides clothing and personal hygiene care for needy kids, Child Haven, a shelter for abused children, and the Agassi Boys and Girls Club of Las Vegas. The Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy, a charter school which welcomed its first class of 150 students in August 2001, has a curriculum focused on technology and college preparation. Agassi Prep now instructs grades three through five and will add one grade level per year through grade 12.

About USA WEEKEND Magazine

USA WEEKEND Magazine is distributed by more than 590 newspapers nationwide. Awarded for its journalism and design, USA WEEKEND focuses on social issues, entertainment, health, personal finance and technology. USA WEEKEND’s Make A Difference Day is the nation’s largest day of community service. The magazine also provides Newspaper in Education classroom guides to partner newspapers.

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