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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Clayton Gives Through Gaming



Baltimore Ravens WR Mark Clayton (in middle at left) kicked off the season with two community events which highlighted that he is a kid at heart. On Saturday (9/5), he hosted the inaugural Madden Challenge, an event benefitting the Mark Clayton Foundation, which supports children and families living in foster care. Clayton was joined by teammate S Ed Reed (at right in photo at left) to take on challengers, young and old, in Madden NFL 10, EA Sports' latest version of the popular video game.

Hosted at Power Plant LIVE, the event included 256 "gamers" participating in a day-long competition in which the eventual winner, James Lowe of Baltimore, 27, who goes by the name "Big Game James," received two Super Bowl tickets and a trip for two to Las Vegas.

On Tuesday (9/8), Clayton hosted a back-to-school festival for 160 sixth and seventh graders at The SEED School of Baltimore. The students of the public boarding school were treated to cotton candy and funnel cakes as well as several carnival activities, including a moon bounce, tug-o-war, face-painting, football toss and basketball shot. Despite all the available activities, several of the students were content launching an impromptu dance party as a DJ played hours of current popular songs.



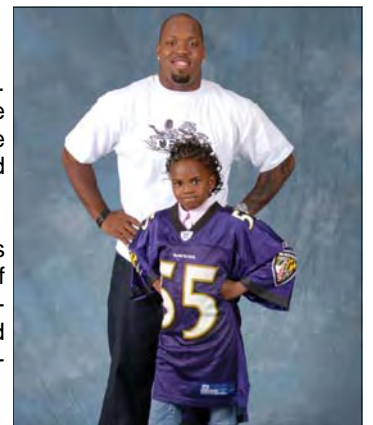
Tuesday's event was in conjunction with a back pack giveaway in which Clayton provided the school with 175 bags full of school supplies. Clayton's recent efforts built upon the relationship the Mark Clayton Foundation established with The SEED School in 2008, the school's inaugural academic year.



### Suggs Sacks Sickle Cell Anemia

Ravens OLB Terrell Suggs hosted his 2nd annual Team Sizzle Celebrity Weekend, Sept. 11-13. The proceeds from the weekend's ticketed festivities benefitted the William E. Proudford Sickle Cell Fund for which Suggs accepted the role of ambassador. This offseason, he helped raise awareness for the fund by posing with fellow ambassador Maliah Hebb for an image that was used for various awareness posters (right).

The 2009 Team Sizzle Celebrity Weekend began on Friday (9/11) night with a star-studded James Bond-themed gala at the Baltimore Inner Harbor Hyatt Regency. On Saturday (9/12), the efforts of the William E. Proudford Sickle Cell Fund were recognized and celebrated at a luncheon that included keynote speaker Grammy Award winner Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins of TLC, who is afflicted with the blood disease sickle cell anemia. The weekend concluded with a post-game party on Sunday (9/13) that offered Suggs' fans one more opportunity to interact with the Pro Bowler.



### Paul Kruger Tackles Kidney Disease



Ravens rookie LB Paul Kruger has initiated a relationship with the National Kidney Foundation of Maryland. Kruger recently filed paperwork to begin a foundation, the Paul Kruger Kidney Foundation, and will join efforts with the organization to prevent kidney diseases, improve the health and well-being of youth and families affected by these diseases and increase the availability of all organs for transplant.

Kruger's interest in kidney disease and transplantation stems from an accident when he was 13. A jeep rolled over him, and he was left with 1 kidney and no spleen. Tonight (9/14), Kruger will attend a golf pre-event party hosted by the National Kidney Foundation of Maryland at the Havana Club to introduce his foundation and speak about his interest in kidney disease to the more than 100 guests expected.

### NFL Tuesdays

Below are a few of the Ravens' upcoming community appearances:

- Sept. 15:
  - Sandtown Habitat for Humanity (Burgess, Carr, et al.)
- Sept. 22:
  - Karaoke at Springhouse Assisted Living (Mason)
  - KaBOOM! Day of Play at Night (L. McClain)
  - Worldwide Day of Play/Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration (Barnes, Rice, et al.)

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