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Black History Month Event Brings Little League Champs to Northbrook

Northbrook, IL: January 2015 – In honor of Black History Month, the Northbrook Community Relations Commission will welcome the Jackie Robinson West Little League Team for a special event at the North Suburban YMCA on February 21. The 2014 US Little League Champions and their coach will be featured guests at a Q&A session at the North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook. The event will also include a ballpark hotdog lunch, and a multimedia presentation on the accomplishments and legacy of Brooklyn Dodgers star Jackie Robinson and the history of black baseball players. The event, scheduled from 12:30pm to 2:30pm, is free of charge and open to the public.

The JRW Team, based on the South Side of Chicago, inspired the entire nation with their championship run to the Little League World Series in 2014. They made history as the first all-black team to compete in the World Series tournament in decades. They succeeded in claiming the crown as US bracket champions before losing the World Series title to a team from South Korea. Throughout the process, the team and its coaches demonstrated a commitment to its mission, as described on its website: “to bring children into a structured program environment intensely supported by adult volunteers where the values of leadership, team work and self-discipline are strongly emphasized.”

The February 21 event at the YMCA is open to all ages, communities, and teams. Participants are encouraged to wear their own team jerseys, or jerseys from their favorite major league teams. The ballpark hotdog lunch will be served from 12:30 to 1:15, followed by the presentation Q&A at 1:15. For more information, contact Michael Strong at the Village of Northbrook, michael.strong@northbrook.il.us.



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About the North Suburban YMCA

The YMCA is a not-for-profit entity and relies on donations to make services available for all families and individuals in its 15-city region. All board members are volunteers, who donate their time, talents and financial resources. Located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, the YMCA has served the northern suburbs of Chicago for over 45 years. The Y is about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, providing programs and services that address the needs of our diverse community and are accessible to all. For more information or to make a donation, contact Barb Flanagin at 847-272-7250 or bflanagin@nsymca.org, or visit www.nsymca.org.