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Brevard Achievement Center Enterprises and USSSA Team to Employ People with Disabilities

New contract brings 50-plus jobs to the Space Coast's employment lineup

Rockledge, Fla. – Brevard Achievement Center Enterprises (BACE), a wholly-owned subsidiary of <u>Brevard Achievement Center</u> (BAC), and the United States Specialty Sports Association (<u>USSSA</u>) recently partnered to provide people with disabilities work opportunities at the multi-sport company's USSSA Space Coast Complex.

Under the initial two-year contract, BACE will provide housekeeping, general maintenance and box office support for USSSA. Jobs also are available in each of these areas for qualified applicants. Although individuals with disabilities will be considered first for employment, candidates without disabilities also will be hired.

"We are sincerely grateful to USSSA for partnering with BAC in order to create diverse employment opportunities for people with disabilities in Brevard," said BAC President and CEO, Amar Patel. "Thanks to our partnership, individuals across the disability spectrum have the opportunity to work because positions like ticket takers, box office and customer service personnel do not require much physical labor. The ability to offer jobs to people of all levels of disability is definitely a home run for our community."

BACE was created to further the mission of BAC by providing job opportunities for people with and without disabilities in an integrated work environment. Tom Graver, former ESPN Wide World of Sports Guest Operations Manager, serves as BACE's Sports Operations Manager and leads a team of five staff and 20 BACE part-time employees.

"Currently, we have over 20 part-time positions that need to be filled," Graver said. "Wages range from \$11.47 to \$12 an hour depending on the job." Job seekers can complete an online application at bacbrevard.com/careers Graver added.

About BAC

Brevard Achievement Center (BAC), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Rockledge, Florida that was founded in 1968 to provide persons with disabilities innovative services and opportunities to achieve personal success. In Fiscal Year 2017, BAC served approximately 4,500 individuals with disabilities including the direct employment of approximately 800 people throughout Florida, and in Puerto Rico, North Carolina and Virginia. BAC is a proud partner of United Way of Brevard and the AbilityOne Program. For more information about the agency, visit bacbrevard.com.

About USSSA

USSSA is headquartered in Viera, Florida. USSSA is the world's largest multi-sport athletic organization. Founded in 1968, USSSA has grown to over four million participants, competing in 14 nationally sanctioned

sports including baseball, fast pitch, slow pitch, karate, basketball, soccer and more! USSSA is an Associate Member of the WBSC. For more information about USSSA, visit www.usssa.com and follow USSSA on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

About USSSA Space Coast Complex

USSSA Space Coast Complex is located in Viera, Florida and owned by USSSA, the world's largest multi-sport athletic organization. The complex has 15 AstroTurf fields including five NCAA softball approved fields, five NCAA baseball approved fields and three fields equipped with HD video scoreboards. USSSA Space Coast Complex is located in Brevard County on Florida's Space Coast with over 72 miles of coastline and beaches and is 45 minutes from the Orlando International Airport.