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MEDIA ADVISORY

US OPEN TO FEATURE FOURTH ANNUAL “QUEENS DAY” ON AUGUST 23, INCLUDING ‘RETURNING THE LOVE’ YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC WITH OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST MONICA PUIG AND QUEENS-BASED COMMUNITY YOUTH

***** A Media photo opportunity with Queens elected officials, USTA executives and local civic and business leaders will take place at noon in front of the Queens Chamber of Commerce kiosk, near the merchandise octagon.*****

WHAT: The US Open will host its fourth annual “**Queens Day**” on Wednesday, August 23, featuring Queens-based performers, exhibitions and family activities throughout the grounds of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. Local Queens-based performers, from Ecuadorian dancing to interactive zumba, will perform throughout the second day of the US Open Qualifying Tournament. Also, in conjunction with the Queens Economic Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce, information and other offers for Queens businesses will be provided to fans and visitors.

2016 Rio Olympic Gold Medalist Monica Puig, of Puerto Rico, will also participate in a youth tennis clinic with kids from community-based providers **The Child Center of NY** and **Elmcor Youth & Adult Activities Community Center**, both based in Queens. The Queens Day clinic is part of the US Open “Returning the Love” initiative, where the US Open – in conjunction with the players – are proactively ‘reaching out to’ and ‘welcoming in’ surrounding community organizations, both on and off the court.

The **Child Center of NY**’s mission is to strengthen children and families with skills, opportunities, and emotional support to build healthy, successful lives. Founded in 1953, it annually reaches more than 26,000 of the city’s most underserved (aged 0-adult) at more than 60 school and community locations in five main program areas: early childhood education; behavioral health; prevention and family support; Health Homes and integrated care; and youth development.

WHEN: **Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

Doors open at 10 a.m. Admission is free. Play begins at 11 a.m.

12 to 1 p.m. – “Returning the Love” Youth Tennis Clinic with 2016 Rio Olympic Gold Medalist Monica Puig, of Puerto Rico (To take place on the South Plaza, by the fountains near Arthur Ashe Stadium)

WHO: Queens Day will include performances from:

Ayazamana Dance Group, Ecuadorian dancers
Ballet Folklorico Riviera Maya, Mexican Folklorian Dance
Josh Cameron, Singer
DB Rielly, Jazz Ensemble

Mambo Fitness, interactive Zumba
Marinera Dance of Peru, Peruvian dancing
Mestizo, Latin dance
Super Star Dance of Jackson Heights, Kids Talent Show

The **Queens Zoo**, **Queens Botanical Gardens**, **Queens Museum**, **Queens Theater**, **Queens Library**, **Louis Armstrong House Museum** and **New York Hall of Science** will each have exhibits during Queens Day.

WHERE: USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
Flushing Meadows-Corona Park

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