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## **Plant City YMCA to Honor Dave Robbins with Strong Leader Award**

**Tampa, FL (June 14, 2013)** –The Plant City Family YMCA is pleased to honor “Coach Dave” Robbins at its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Strong Leader Dinner. This year’s honoree’s contributions to the Plant City community echo the Y’s commitment to strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

Robbins started volunteering as a basketball coach in 1967. Two years later, he formed a youth basketball league. With help from Plant City’s Recreation and Parks Department and Plant City Optimist Club, Robbins has been operating as director of the league for the past 44 years. “It has been a wonderful success as it has averaged about 400 boys and girls each year,” said Robbins. “I have always believed in giving back to the community that you live in.” Robbins has served as assistant coach at Plant City, Lake Gibson and George Jenkins high schools. In addition, Robbins is a charter member of the Plant City High Athletic Booster Club and a familiar face; operating the concessions for all PCHS games. As the last involved charter member of the Optimist Club, Robbins served as chairman of its Christmas tree sales for the last 25 years and chairman of the oratorical contest. He is also a volunteer at South Florida Baptist Hospital.

**WHAT:** Strong Leader Award Dinner -- Honoring "Coach Dave" Robbins

**WHEN:** Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm - Cocktails  
7:00pm - Dinner  
8:00pm - Program

**WHERE:** [John R. Trinkle Center at HCC Campus Plant City](#)

**SPONSORSHIPS & TICKETS:** Table sponsorships are available for \$1,000 and include a table of eight. Individual tickets are \$75 per person. All proceeds benefit children and families in Plant City through YMCA programs and services. Your generous contribution provides kids with values-centered summer day camp, sports and swimming experiences to help them grow strong in spirit, mind and body.

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**About the Plant City Y**

The Plant City Y is committed to providing kids with the things they need to be successful in school and life; preventing/reducing childhood obesity; providing cancer survivors and their families with a place to heal through the LiveStrong program; ensuring Active Older Adults maintain/improve physical and social health while aging; and preventing and reducing accidental death due to drowning by providing aquatic education and swim lessons. The Plant City Y values diversity and inclusion by being open and welcoming to all.  
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