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**Washington Kastles Owner Mark Ein to be Honored  
at 2011 Sport for Social Change Awards**  
*Ein to Receive "Sportsman of the Year" Award*

WASHINGTON – June 1, 2011 – The Washington Kastles are proud to announce that team owner Mark Ein will receive the Sportsman of the Year award at the 2011 Annual Sport for Social Change Awards Gala. Ein is being honored for his philanthropic efforts with the Washington Kastles and the team's work with the Street Soccer USA program.

The Washington Kastles have hosted the Street Soccer USA Cup for the past three summers. This year's Street Soccer USA Cup will be played at the new *Kastles Stadium at The Wharf* from June 10 through June 12.

"It is a great honor to be recognized as Sportsman of the Year by Street Soccer USA," said Ein. "Street Soccer USA is a highly effective organization that illustrates how people can improve their lives through the lessons of sport. This has also been one of our core goals since the founding of the Kastles and we remain steadfast in our commitment to use the team as a platform to help those less privileged in our own greater Washington, D.C. community."

Since 2008, the Kastles have donated more than 6,000 match tickets, 3,000 tennis rackets, and cash grants and other donations totaling more than \$500,000 to local charities, youth groups and armed forces organizations. For the past three seasons, the Kastles and other visiting WTT players – including Serena Williams, Venus Williams, Martina Hingis and Anna Kournikova – have hosted more than 800 local children at tennis clinics.

In addition to helping host the Street Soccer USA Cup, Ein was also an executive producer of "Kicking It," a documentary film about the Homeless World Cup of soccer. The documentary was shown at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival and has distribution deals with ESPN and Netflix.

The Sport for Social Change Awards honors members of the community who have used sport to enrich the lives of those in need. All proceeds of the awards gala will go to participants of the Street Soccer USA program. Street Soccer USA achieves a 75 percent success rate in 20 cities, leveraging the power of sports to improve outcomes in education, job and housing placement for homeless teens and adults.

**About the Washington Kastles**

Owned by local entrepreneur Mark Ein, the Washington Kastles are the 2009 World TeamTennis (WTT) champions. The Kastles' fourth season will be led by 27-time grand slam tournament winner Serena Williams and 21-time grand slam winner Venus Williams. Throughout the season, the Kastles bring world class tennis to Washington, D.C. and actively work with local charities and community organizations to

make tennis accessible to everyone in the greater national capital area. To learn more about the Kastles, visit [www.washingtonkastles.com](http://www.washingtonkastles.com).

**About World TeamTennis presented by GEICO**

World TeamTennis (WTT) presented by GEICO showcases the best in professional tennis with the innovative co-ed team format co-founded by Billie Jean King in the 1974. WTT has featured virtually every major champion of the open era. Official WTT Pro League sponsors for the 2011 season include Acura, DecoTurf, GEICO, Solfire and Wilson Racquet Sports. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is a minority owner and promotional partner of World TeamTennis. WTT and the USTA work together on a number of initiatives, including junior team tennis programs. For more information on WTT, visit [www.WTT.com](http://www.WTT.com).

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