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**Cincinnati's Internationally Recognized Carl H. Lindner YMCA
Double Dutch Jump Roping Champions Are Back Together,
Preparing For National Tournament**

June, 2010 - They caught the world by storm in 2006 when, after gold medaling at the world double dutch competition, they were featured in Disney's movie 'Jump In' followed by a documentary that aired on HBO and Showtime. They've been known to bring crowds to their feet with fancy jumps and spins, and ropes turning at awe inspiring speed. And this month the Carl H. Lindner YMCA double dutch jump roping team that narrowly missed the world gold in 2008 (although won a first place at the National Championship) is reuniting and reenergizing to go for the world gold another time. They are practicing daily until they leave for the USA Jump Rope National Championship in Galveston, Texas June 22.

(NOTE: In double dutch and single rope jump roping, the National Championship is presented by the United States Jump Rope Federation League. The World Double Dutch Invitational is presented by the American Double Dutch League.)

Individually, the team members - Kevin Chapman (graduate of Withrow High School); Mykia Eubanks (graduate of Western Hills High School); Shakinah Browner (graduate of Hughes High School); and Style Harper (graduate of Roger Bacon High School) – have collectively earned 15 gold medals at the ADDL World Invitational through the Carl H. Lindner YMCA double dutch jump roping program.

This year will be the team's third time that they will be competing at the National Championship together, having won second place in 2006 and first place medals in 2008. They will be competing in the Open Division.

The Carl H. Lindner YMCA 6th grade team will also be competing at the USA Jump rope National Championships.

Double dutch jump roping has developed into an important program offered through several branches of the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati as an opportunity to instill positive character values, strong work ethics, a sense of teamwork, and healthy bodies in young people. The Powel Crosley Jr. YMCA and Skyline Community Center (managed by the Clippard Family YMCA) have teams practicing for the World Invitational and they will leave June 16. The Melrose YMCA also has a program.

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