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## HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE GETS MULTI-AGE PLAYGROUNDS

from Money Donated by the AFFF and Taco Bell to Support our Troops and their Families

///Homestead AFB, FL – Sept. 19, 2012 ///: Over the past three years, local Taco Bell Restaurants in the Miami area have teamed up with the AFFF (Armed Forces Families Foundation) to raise money to support our troops' families. Donations were made at participating Taco Bell restaurants by purchasing a personalized bell for \$1.00. Last year alone, the effort raised over \$339,000 across seven states to support these efforts. The AFFF uses 100% all donations received to fund projects that support our service men, women and their families. In 2012, the AFFF and Taco Bell elected to contribute \$50,000 of these funds to provide children of military families stationed at Homestead Air Force Base with playground facilities.

The AFFF grant was used to build a brand new, multi-age playground on base. One play area will be designed for children ages 2 to 5. A second area will cater to older children ages 5 - 12. A sun shade will also be installed to help protect families from the South Florida sun.

The new playground facility will be unveiled at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, September 24, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EST.

For more information or to donate to AFFF, please visit the www.armedforcesfamilies.org.

## **About the Armed Forces Families Foundation**

The Armed Forces Families Foundation is a nonprofit organization that improves the lives of service members and their families.