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### **Peckham Community Partnership Foundation Hosts Speaker Series Featuring Renowned Athlete, Kyle Maynard**

Lansing, MI- The Peckham Community Partnership Foundation presents its Speaker Series, featuring Kyle Maynard, award winning athlete and Author of New York Times best seller, "No Excuses."

Peckham will host three sessions, open to the community. Though tickets are complementary, seating is limited. To reserve tickets for one of the events, call 517.316.4428 or email [events@peckham.org](mailto:events@peckham.org).

All sessions will be held at Peckham, Inc., 3510 Capital City Blvd., Lansing, MI 48906.  
Sessions are as follows:

Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Seating available)

Friday Oct. 16, 2009 from 10 to 11 a.m. (Seating is limited)

Friday, Oct. 16, 2009 from 2 to 3 p.m. (Seating is limited)

Maynard, who was born with a congenital amputation that has left him with shortened limbs, is among the most nationally renowned athletes with a disability. He is an ESPY

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Award Winner, recipient of the President’s Award for Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame, mixed Martial Arts athlete and certified instructor in CrossFit Level 1. He tells an inspirational story beginning as an 11-year-old with a dream to wrestle, and a coach who gave him the opportunity to try.

“Peckham is excited to present this educational opportunity to the community as part of our foundation’s speaker series,” said Scott Derthick, Vice President of Human Resources. “Kyle has an amazing story of triumph and overcoming obstacles despite circumstances, and is sure to inspire and encourage all who attend.”

The Peckham Community Partnership Foundation’s Speaker Series is designed to focus on issues critical to the disability community and other individuals with barriers to success. The series intent is to increase understanding and enhancement of the awareness of these issues throughout the community.

**Peckham Inc.** is a nonprofit community rehabilitation organization that values quality, diversity and performance. Our mission is to provide a wide range of opportunities to maximize human potential for persons striving for independence and self-sufficiency. We embrace collaboration, effective resource management and innovative approaches to achieve world-class excellence.

In 2007 - 2008, through educational courses and job training, Peckham assisted 1,275 people obtaining competitive jobs, and provided paid job training opportunities for nearly 2,000 daily in Peckham’s manufacturing, apparel production, and business and environmental services businesses. Peckham helped more than 6,500 people through various employment and life skills programs.

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