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Kournikova Presents Principal With “got breakfast?” Award



On January 16, tennis star Anna Kournikova and the “got breakfast?” Foundation honored North Palm Beach (FL) Elementary School Principal Bill Thompson with a special recognition for his commitment to improving student health by encouraging participation in the Federal School Breakfast Program. Principal Thompson has led the effort to utilize the Classroom Breakfast model to serve meals at his school, which studies prove increases a child’s ability to learn, improves performance, and reduces health issues. Kournikova presented the award to Thompson during a school-wide assembly where she spoke to students about the importance of good nutrition and physical activity. The “got

breakfast?” Foundation works to help the millions of students who qualify for a free or reduced-price breakfast to access the meals they are not receiving. Out of 55 million children who attend public school in the United States, 30

million participate in the National School Lunch Program, yet only 9.6 million eat breakfast in school. According to the Food Research and Action Center, more than \$500 million in federal funds available to provide school breakfast to children in need are not being accessed. The “got breakfast?” Organization includes a coalition of public officials, community leaders, private organizations and personalities committed to anti-hunger efforts, including Share Our Strength, the Alliance to End Hunger, the National Dairy Council, East Side Entrees, General Mills, and Minute Maid. For more information, go to www.gotbreakfast.org.