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Storm Alert: Hannah is coming to Houston in 45 days!

(Houston) March 17, 2009.... 45 days until Hannah Storm's sunny personality shines on Houston, where her extraordinary media career began. To celebrate 45 years of free adult literacy classes in the community, Literacy Advance of Houston is counting down the days until Ms. Storm is honored as a Champion of Literacy.

45 days away: Did you know that 368 students are on the waitlist for volunteer taught adult literacy classes at our Wilcrest location?

44 days away: Hannah Storm's national television experience began as the first female host of CNN Sports Tonight from 1989 – 1992.

Every day between now and May 1st, Literacy Advance of Houston (LAH) will release a fun fact about literacy, Hannah Storm or LAH at twitter.com/literacyadvance.

Storm will receive the prestigious Champions of Literacy award at an event in her honor on May 1, 2009 at Minute Maid Park. The event will include dinner, the "What's Your Favorite Book?" silent auction, and a program. The event will begin at 7:05 PM on the Club Level, 1st Base Side.

Literacy Advance's Young Professionals and the Notre Dame Club of Houston's young alumni are celebrating the Storm Alert Countdown on March 26th at a happy hour event at Brian O'Neills Irish Pub (5555 Morningside Drive) from 6-8 PM.

Currently ESPN's Daytime SportsCenter co-host, Storm began her impressive media career in Houston hosting Rockets and Astros pre-game and post-game shows. Other career highlights include CBS's "The Early Show" and Olympic Coverage for NBC. Storm is the author of two books: *Go Girl!: Raising Healthy, Confident and Successful Daughters through Sports*, and *Notre Dame Inspirations*.

The Champions of Literacy Series is a multi-annual fundraising and public awareness series that promotes literacy by acknowledging those who have made a difference in our community. All proceeds benefit Literacy Advance and their free classes offered to the community.

In Houston, 52 percent of adults are functionally illiterate in English. Literacy Advance of Houston, a 501(c)(3) organization, fulfills its mission to make Houston a more literate city by teaching adults to read, write and communicate effectively in English in order to reach their full potential. Literacy Advance currently provides over 130 classes per week throughout the Houston area.

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