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The Antimi Family

In appreciation to the following who contributed to the success of this project:

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in the development of this facility.*

Tony Antimi

"Probably no man in Columbia has been more involved in baseball as a competitor, coach, a director, and a groundskeeper than Tony Antimi." These words were taken from the first dedication of the Antimi Sports Complex in 1975 and ring true today.

Tony worked for the Parks and Recreation Department as a full-time employee from 1954 through 1975, maintaining the baseball fields, golf courses and other recreational facilities. After retirement, he worked for Parks and Recreation in a part-time capacity for many more years.

Tony was well-known in baseball and softball circles around the state as a player, coach and for his passion for the game. For his dedication to the sport and youth of Columbia, the Antimi Sports Complex is rededicated today.



The Rededication of the Louis P. (Tony) Antimi Sports Complex

May 15, 2007



The Antimi Sports Complex is the home of the youth baseball, softball, and tee-ball programs co-sponsored by the Diamond Council of Columbia and Columbia Parks and Recreation. The eight-field complex is located at the north end of Cosmo Park. The Antimi fields first opened in 1975 as a four-field complex.

The recent renovations have been completed in phases:

- **Phase I** - Construction of lighted Black and Gold softball fields and parking lot.

~ *Cost \$250,000; funded in 2003-04 by the 1999 1/4-Cent Sales Tax.*

- **Phase II** - Construction of the concession and restroom building.

~ *Cost \$265,113; funded in 2005 by Recreation Services Fund (\$225,000) and Park Sales Tax (\$40,113).*

- **Phase III** - Construction of concrete sidewalks and plaza around new concession building, new electrical equipment for lighting and scoreboards, new landscape block retaining wall at the Red and Blue fields, new dugout covers at the Black and Gold fields, new signage, and new bleachers with shade covers.

~ *Cost \$200,000; funded in 2007 by Recreation Services Fund.*

In addition to the three phases of enhancements to the complex above, \$22,030 in improvements to the parking lots funded by the Park Sales Tax were completed, making the total improvements to the complex over the past four years - \$737,143.

The City of Columbia appreciates the support shown by the community for the Antimi Sports Complex. Thank you for being here today to share in the dedication ceremony.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Louis P. (Tony) Antimi Sports Complex
5:45 p.m., Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Welcome and Introductions ~ Mr. Mike Hood, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation Department

Remarks ~ Mr. Bill Watkins, Manager, City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Mayor Darwin Hindman, City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Mr. Paul Blythe, Diamond Council Board President

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