

Telemundo 47 Sports Anchor Veronica Contreras and 17-year old Red Bulls phenom Jozy Altidore play soccer with kids at Horizon Juvenile Center.

NY Red Bulls and Telemundo 47 Sponsor Horizon Soccer Clinic

On September 27th, the New York Red Bulls, Telemundo 47 and DJJ sponsored a soccer clinic for youth at the Horizon Juvenile Center in the Bronx, the second such event in as many years at the facility.

Approximately 85 residents, including girls, participated in various soccer drills under the tutelage of NY Red Bulls players, seventeen year old phenomenon Jozy Altidore, and Team Captain Claudio Reyna. Assistant Coach and former U.S. National Team standout, John Harkes, also participated in the activities, displaying the attitude and skills that made him a member of the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2005. In addition, Telemundo 47 Sports Anchor Veronica Contreras, sporting her own NY Red Bulls uniform, joined in by leading the girls with their drills. The Horizon youth also had the pleasure of witnessing the NY Red Bulls "Freestyle Street Team" display a variety of tricks involving the use of soccer balls.

Horizon Juvenile Center's Executive Director Eduardo Marcial added, "The NY Red Bulls have displayed a great joy in working with the Department's youth over the past two years, which is evident in the overall success of the clinics they've conducted throughout the Agency. In addition, the presence of Telemundo 47 and its outstanding Sports Anchor, Veronica Contreras, made the event that much more special for our kids."

DJJ's Director of Programs Sonia Galarza, summed up the event by saying, "The opportunity for our youth to interact with public figures of this magnitude, on a tangible level, hopefully will help them realize their own potential for success."

The Horizon Soccer Clinic concluded with a live broadcast from the facility by Telemundo 47's six o'clock edition of the news, as part of Ms. Contreras' sports segment. The NY Red Bulls also donated 100 soccer balls, cones and Red Bull attire to the Agency, to be distributed to youth throughout the Department.