



## **Celebrating Recovery on the Golf Course with Royals Great Willie Wilson**

### **First Call 24th Annual Golf Tournament on June 19 at Swope Memorial Golf Course**

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**Kansas City, MO** – Willie Wilson will join First Call Alcohol/Drug Prevention & Recovery staff and Board for the 24th Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament on June 19 at Swope Memorial Golf Course. The funds raised from the tournament are used to support First Call's prevention programs for the community and clinical programs for individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders.

"Substance use disorders have a devastating effect on individuals, families and the community, but we know that recovery is possible and individuals and families can heal," said Susan Whitmore, President & CEO of First Call. "This tournament is an opportunity to celebrate recovery and Willie is a shining example of what is possible."

Event chair, Willie Wilson is a two-time American League All Star and a member of the 1985 World Series winning Kansas City Royals team. Wilson was elected into the Royals Hall of Fame in 2000 and is the author of the book, *Inside the Park: Running the Base Path of Life* (Ascend Books 2013). He now leads the Willie Wilson Baseball Foundation, which provides support to underserved youth in urban Kansas City.

Other celebrities include Bob Kendrick, Executive President of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum; former Royals pitcher Al Fitzmorris; former Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Shawn Barber and former Chiefs receiver Eddie Kennison. Please note: This is a sold-out event! To learn more about the golf tournament, visit [firstcallkc.org/Golf](http://firstcallkc.org/Golf), or call 816-800-8060.

It is the mission of First Call to reduce the impact of alcohol, drugs and addiction by providing quality resources to individuals, families and the community. First Call provides prevention and recovery services to over 50,000 individuals annually and is a key catalyst for building capacity among substance abuse, health care, behavioral health and supportive service providers.

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