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One Week Left to Team Up with Tim Howard

Soccer superstar will be at Rutgers University on June 4th to kickoff a year-long Tourette Syndrome awareness campaign

SOMERVILLE, NJ— Soccer superstar Tim Howard will join fans of all ages to discuss his accomplishments on the field and share his inspirational message of resilience in the face of Tourette Syndrome. Tickets are available at NJCTS.org for *Team Up with Tim Howard* which will take place Thursday, June 4 from 3- 5 p.m. at Rutgers University's Yurcak Field in Piscataway.

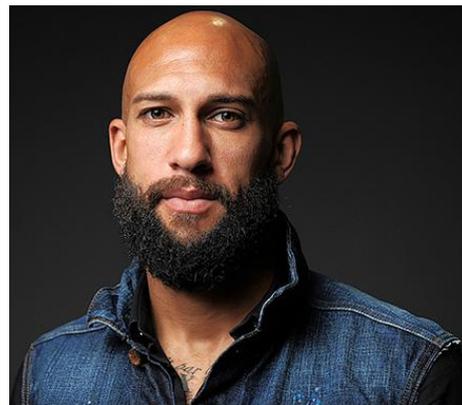
Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a neurological disorder characterized by involuntary sounds or movements known as tics. It is estimated that 1 in 100 children show symptoms of the disorder with as many as 20,000 school-aged kids in New Jersey alone. TS is frequently accompanied by attention deficit disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, depression, anxiety and learning disabilities.

Team Up with Tim Howard is hosted by the NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome (NJCTS) and Rutgers Men's Soccer. The event serves as a kickoff for a year-long awareness campaign to benefit the NJCTS Tim Howard Leadership Academy, a four-day intensive program in August for teenagers focusing on empowerment, self-leadership, advocacy skills and resilience.

An integral partner of NJCTS since its founding, Howard will speak about soccer, his experience playing in the World Cup, and living with Tourette Syndrome (TS). Howard was diagnosed with TS as a child and has since brought TS to the world stage. "I have made it my goal to debunk the myths and bullying that come with the disorder," said Howard. "I have found that one of the best ways to do this is to educate people."

After the opening ceremony, the Rutgers Men's Soccer Team leads a clinic for kids (all spots are now filled), DJ Yoshi rocks the turntables, the Rutgers University Dance Team performs, and Tim Howard will sign copies of his book, *The Keeper: A Life of Saving Goals and Achieving Them*.

Pre-registration is suggested for *Team Up with Tim Howard* by visiting NJCTS.org. Admission is \$10 per person. Onsite registration will take place starting at 2 p.m. at Yurcak Field on June 4th. Attendees are



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asked to arrive at the event between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. Anyone under 17 must be accompanied by a ticket holding adult.

To secure your spot at the *Team Up with Tim Howard* event and for more information about NJCTS and the Tim Howard Leadership Academy, please visit www.njcts.org or call 908-575-7350.

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