

## **Midlands Orthopaedics pledges name to youth soccer complex in Northeast Columbia**

**(Columbia, S.C.) – Oct. 18, 2006** – Midlands Orthopaedics, P.A. has given a boost to local athletics with its sponsorship of the Columbia United FC soccer fields off Sparkleberry Lane in Northeast Columbia.

Columbia United FC was formed by the merger earlier this year of the Northeast Columbia Soccer Association (NECSA) and the Columbia Soccer Club. Approximately 2,600 girls and boys – ranging from three-year-olds to elite teenage players on their way to earning college scholarships – now play on its wide range of teams.

Columbia United FC's venues include the club-owned 21-acre BB&T Complex in Ballentine, Richland County-owned fields in Ballentine and the Polo Road and North Springs parks in Northeast Columbia and the newly renamed Midlands Orthopaedics Soccer Complex behind Spring Valley Presbyterian Church off Sparkleberry Lane.

The club has a long-term lease with the church for two-field complex, which Columbia United FC President Ron Tryon says are widely considered to be among the finest soccer fields in the state.

"We're just thrilled that Midlands Orthopaedics has stepped up for the naming rights to this soccer facility. Their participation in our program will help us keep these fields in superb condition," Tryon says.

"Partnering with Columbia United FC was an opportunity we couldn't resist," says orthopedic surgeon Dr. Coleman Fowble, one of 16 fellowship-trained specialists at the group practice. "Community participation is important to us and soccer is a great sport for kids of all ages. We're proud to be a part of it."