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New York State Education Hits Another Jackpot in May

*With a Tax Rate of 69%, Empire City has Generated
More Than \$25 Million in Vital Funding for Education in the Month of May*

(June 6, 2013, Yonkers, NY) Empire City Casino continues to be a reliable source of funding for education, generating more than \$25 million for education for the month of May, an increase of 10 percent over the prior year. Since January 2013, Empire City has generated a staggering \$122 Million for education in only five months, representing a full third of education dollars generated by all nine racetrack casinos in the state. Since opening in October 2006, New York State schools have directly received nearly \$1.8 billion through Empire City Casino.

In addition to funding for education, Empire City also generated over \$5 million to the racing and breeding industry in May. Empire City Casino pays an effective tax rate of 69 percent of their Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR), the highest in the nation, with gaming competitors in Las Vegas paying a mere 6.75 percent and New Jersey at 9.25 percent. Empire City generated \$51 million in Gross Gaming Revenues for the month of May, representing a 9 percent increase over May 2012.

Empire City Casino is the largest private employer in the City of Yonkers with nearly 1,400 employees, 14 unions, and an annual payroll of nearly \$40 million. Through a recent \$50 million 66,000 square foot expansion, the casino has created more than 100 construction jobs and an additional 200 permanent jobs that New Yorkers need.

"We are proud to be Yonkers' largest private employer and are committed to this community," says Timothy J. Rooney, Jr., General Counsel at Empire City Casino. "As we grow and expand everyone benefits. By investing in Yonkers and Empire City, we create new jobs and provide critically needed revenue for our schools, communities and state during difficult economic times."

**Data Source: New York State Gaming Commission Website <http://www.gaming.ny.gov/gaming/>*

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway

Empire City Casino, one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the country, features 5,300 of the hottest **slots**, electronic **craps**, **roulette**, **baccarat** and **sic bo**; year-round harness **racing** & International **simulcasting** from North America's leading harness and thoroughbred venues; nightly **live entertainment** including the best party and Latin **bands**, **dueling pianos**, **comedy**, **karaoke** & more. A plethora of **dining** options will satisfy event the most discerning palate: enjoy authentic Italian cuisine at **Nonno's Trattoria**; dine trackside with live betting at **Empire Terrace Restaurant**; convenient delicious options at the **International Food Court** or **Grab 'n Go**. As part of a new \$50 million expansion, **Dan Rooney's** high-energy sports bar boasts creations by Michelin-starred Chef Christopher Lee; and coming soon, in collaboration with **Ducasse Studios**, **Pinch** will not only whet the appetite but also feature 100 New York craft beers with an in-house Master Cicerone; a **craft cocktail lounge** will round out the entertainment options with retro **bowling** lanes. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County (I-87 to Exit 2), open seven days a week from 9:00am to 4:00am. Connect with us on facebook.com/empirecity, follow us on twitter.com/EmpireCity_C, visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for more information.

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