

HOOPS FOR HOPE

Lawmakers and Lobbyists Hoopin'-It-Up for a Brighter Tomorrow

ALL Captures Hoops for Hope Trophy for Second Consecutive Year

Washington, D.C. -- In what has become a true rivalry, members of the American League of Lobbyists (ALL) and members of Congress hit the hardwood on Monday, September 15, to compete in the 10th Annual Hoops For Hope Congressional v. Lobbyists Charity Basketball All-Star Classic.

Started ten years ago, Hoops for Hope benefits **Horton's Kids, St. Anthony's, The Washington Jesuit Academy, and the Christian Servant Community Foundation**, four charities that focus on mentoring underprivileged and at need children. Paul Miller, Chairman said, "This was a great event this year. Not only did we host our annual member v. lobbyist game, but we added other programs focused on education and the kids our efforts support."

"I have to admit, I'm still reeling, as are my colleagues, that we were able to keep the trophy in our possession for another year. It looks like we finally have overcome our losing way," Miller joked.

This year's events included a two-day basketball tournament for the kids, which was won by the Washington Jesuit Academy; A Day on the Hill, which was meant to help educate the kids on the legislative process and the important role the First Amendment plays in their daily lives; the kids were also treated to a coaching clinic by some of the area's top coaches; the event also included a silent auction; and the main events, which pitted congressional staffers and members against lobbyists.

This year the trophies headed to each side of the Capitol with congressional staff defeating ALL by a score of 42-40 and with ALL defeating the Members 47-32.

"This event takes a lot of time and support from people who work behind the scenes to make this a success each and every year. On behalf of everyone at the Hoops for Youth Foundation and ALL, I would like to thank everyone at **Georgetown Visitation** for allowing players to get out and practice for this event, but more importantly for hosting our youth tournament. We would also like to thank **Danny Leonard and the entire Leonard family** for all they do behind the scenes to help these deserving kids. The entire Leonard family pitched in during the tournament. It really makes you proud to call the Leonard family friends and to be associated with Georgetown Visitation, a school committed to community." Stated Miller.

Hoops for Hope has seen tremendous growth and success over its ten years. With this year's fundraising efforts the Hoops for Youth Foundation has raised \$400,000 for local children.

"This year was such a great success and we owe it to all those who supported and sponsored this year's activities. We could not have done it without each and every one of them. We also need to thank all the players for making the commitment to this event each and every year. You all are the reason we have made it ten great years," concluded Miller.

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