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Hoops For Youth Foundation Selects 2011 Partners

Fairfax, VA – At its March Board meeting the Hoops For Youth Foundation announced its 2011 charitable partners. The four charities selected were: Washington Jesuit Academy, St. Anthony's, Cornerstone School of Washington, DC, and Horton's Kids.

“We have come along way in our efforts to help some deserving kids in our community. In 2011 we have plans to expand our efforts and programs even further. With the help of our charitable partners, I'm confident we will be successful.” Stated Paul Miller, chairman of the Hoops For Youth Foundation.

Hoops For Youth Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that supports at-risk kids in our communities. The Foundation provides the most basic tools that young people need to help them play team sports and face the many challenges of growing up in communities plagued by poverty and crime. The Foundation offers kids, who may not get the love and support they need at home, an opportunity to grow and develop in a safe environment.

“Cornerstone Schools of Washington, D.C., Inc. is thrilled to partner with Hoops For Youth Foundation. We believe this relationship will allow us to continue to educate and help to form good character among the young, low-income students in our nation's capital. One of the major tenets of Cornerstone is to partner with mentors in the community, so we are truly excited about the opportunity to expose our students to a variety of role models in both the sports and political arenas. Our students are still buzzing about having the opportunity to attend the Basketball clinic; besides having a great time, this event had a lasting, positive impact on the students. They seem to stand a little taller knowing that there are caring people in the community who want the best for them and their futures.” Added Candice Santomauro, development director for Cornerstone School.

“St. Anthony Catholic School has benefited from the support of the Hoops for Hope Foundation for several years. This financial support along with equipment and supplies has impacted our work in a significant way. The cost of providing a quality education keeps rising. The funds we receive make a real difference in the scholarships we can provide to our students and families. The Hoops For Youth Foundation is our most generous benefactor. Their partnership continues to make a difference in over two hundred center city children. We are truly grateful for the support.” Stated William Eager, principal, St. Anthony's.

“This year we celebrate our 13th year working on this effort and I like so many others, I’m proud of all the volunteers who have helped us over the years to make this the program it is today. With the help of so many we have truly played a vital role in the lives of some great kids” added Miller.

The Hoops For Youth Foundation was created in September 1999 with the mission of creating opportunities for at-risk kids through basketball. Since this time its efforts and programs have grown and are no longer just about basketball, but much more. Its goals are to teach kids that the skills they use on the basketball court can be used in everyday life to help them succeed.

For more information of the Hoops for Youth Foundation and its 2011 programs and events log on at www.HoopsForYouthFoundation.org.

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