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## **HFYF Appoints Mark Johnson to Board of Directors**

**Washington, D.C.** – The Hoops For Youth Foundation announced today that it has appointed Mark Johnson to its Board of Directors.

Johnson currently serves as a National Manager for Toyota in their government affairs office in Washington, D.C., where he is responsible for the company's compliance with government ethics laws and legislative issues related to safety, intellectual property and financial services issues.

"We are pleased Mark has accepted our appointment. The Foundation's efforts have doubled in the past two years and adding someone with Mark's background is key to our future efforts to support the next generation of leaders in our community," stated Paul Miller, Board Chairman.

Before beginning his career in government service, Mark spent two years as a high school Latin and government teacher at Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Virginia.

Mark currently resides in Bristow, Virginia with his wife Lisa and their two children, Grant (age 11) and Hannah (age 9).

"Mark's teaching background will be valuable to efforts to create future programs focused on helping kids to successfully overcome challenging home and community environments," added Miller.

The Hoops for Youth Foundation (HFYF) is a 501(c)(3) organization whose dedicated mission is to provide 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 HFYF is about more than just playing basketball; it's about supporting kids in our communities. It's about helping to provide kids an opportunity to grow and develop in an environment that offers opportunities not barriers. Our goals are simple: Provide leadership, financial support, mentoring, educational opportunities, hope, and empower kids to become leaders.

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