

# HOOPS FOR HOPE

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## **Members of Congress & Lobbyists Square Off During 11th Annual Charity Basketball Game**

**Washington, D.C.** -- In what has become a true rivalry, members of the American League of Lobbyists (ALL) and members of Congress will hit the hardwood next Tuesday, September 15, to compete in the 11th Annual Hoops For Hope Congressional v. Lobbyists Charity Basketball All-Star Classic.

**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009  
**Location:** Georgetown Visitation High School  
**Time:** Staff Game Tip-off at 6:00 p.m.  
Members of Congress Tip-off at 7:30 p.m.

**Members expected to suit up: Senators John Thune and Representatives John Shimkus, Jeff Flake, Ron Kind, Jay Inslee, Rick Larsen, Todd Tiahrt, Kendrick Meek, William Clay, Steve Scalise, Brad Ellsworth, Dean Heller, Todd Platt, Charlie Dent, Frank LoBiondo.**

Started eleven years ago, Hoops for Hope benefits *Horton's Kids, St. Anthony's, the Washington Jesuit Academy, and The Luke Tiaht Foundation*, charities that focus on mentoring underprivileged and at need children. Paul Miller, Chairman and founding organizer, said, "We spend so much time working in the District that many of us felt the need to give something back to the city and its residents. The money we raise from this game is our way of doing that."

Representative John Shimkus, co-captain of the Member team, said, "I enjoy this event because it's an opportunity for Members of Congress and the lobbying community to put politics aside for an evening to show the public that we can get along and achieve good things when the cause is right."

To date this event has raised just over \$400,000 and organizers expect this year's total to continue with past years' fundraising successes.

Members of Congress lead the series 7-3, so this year's match-up looks to be a good one as both teams battle for bragging rights and the coveted Hoops for Hope trophy. Miller added, "Our team is ready to keep our two-game winning streak alive. We expect the Members team to really come out strong again this year, but it's our year." He jokingly added, "This game has been decided in the last couple of minutes of each game so maybe we should just play the last four minutes -- it would save us all a lot of breath and bruises."

Representative Brad Ellsworth (D-IN), the co-captain for the Member team added, "Last year we got behind early and could never really catch-up." He promises this year will be a much different look, style of play and outcome. Both teams feel confident they will capture the trophy.

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