



Letter from Coach "G"

Dear Parents and Friends,

On behalf of the Advanced Hoops program, I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and safety over the Holiday season. If you don't mind, I would like to invite you to partner with me to Mentor several disadvantaged youth in the city of Harrisburg. I work every day in the City School District and I will tell you that there are many youth who need our support. Many of you have been supportive and have asked for ways to get involved and I appreciate that very much, especially since this project is dear to my heart. I would like to give you a better understanding of what our goals are!

I'll start off by saying that the 3-Star Program has a focus in three major areas: Academic Improvement, Christian Character, and Athletic Discipline. On December 9th, we began our 3rd straight year of providing an organized basketball league for the inner-city young men who are in desperate need of mentors and people who care. In the first year of the program, we had 45 8th-12th grade male participants, 2nd year was 90 participants and this year the interest is as strong as ever. Our budget in the past has been generously supported by Charlie and the Advanced Hoops Program. Although Charlie has pledged his support again and is closely involved with this program, we are limited if we don't build a coalition of supporters. Our budget this year includes providing afterschool services for participants who need academic or social support services. Our program to these youth will extend from December to July. The cost to provide the basic services is \$26,944 which includes, staffing, referees, and mentoring materials, along with some general support services. We have a 2nd tier goal of raising \$20,000 to provide more extensive academic and social services to youth that features an 8 week "Faith Based" summer camp program.

Our program collaborates with other county and area wide organizations under the "Partnership for Hope." Partnership for Hope is an organization that has been developed by New Hope Church that has a non-denominational goal of helping the Harrisburg Community. Therefore, any financial pledge or contribution made by a business or individual will be given a Tax write off. If any of you are looking to do some end-of-the-year giving toward a charitable cause, we have the perfect venue! Your money will aid us in the expansion of the program and help us provide more services to a generation hungry for structure and change. We have provided a response card that lists several ways that you can be supportive. Please don't feel pressured to get involved in a monetary way, but I do invite you to join my TEAM of partners. If you choose to be a monthly partner then I will send you a regular letter updating you on the progress of the program and results. Please call me directly to discuss this program if you have any questions at 350-3282.

Serving the Youth,

Gerald Jarmon-3 Star Mentoring Program

