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The Hope Chest Scholarship Foundation's 20th Annual Basketball Tournament a Huge Success

(Morristown, NJ, April 28, 2008) – The **20th Annual Basketball Tournament** of The Hope Chest Scholarship Foundation has come and gone, and a great time was had by all!

Over a three-day period, commencing Thursday, April 17, approximately **300 fans** attended the community fundraiser to cheer on their favorite players and teams. Of the nearly **200 tournament athletes**, representative teams included: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; Jersey Central Power & Light Company; New York State Department of Correctional Services; New Jersey's Finest of Jersey City; All Stars of South Jersey; Calvary Baptist Church of Morristown; Church of God and Christ of Morristown; Metropolitan Baptist Church of Newark; Fountain Baptist Church of Summit; and Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church of Summit. **Raising over \$21,000**, the net proceeds from the event will be used to further the foundation's mission of awarding college scholarships to graduating, minority high school students who are residents of New Jersey.

"The Hope Chest basketball tournament definitely is a fun and exciting way to earn money for New Jersey's deserving students," said Caesar Brown, chair of the tournament's Program Committee. "I've been program chair of the tournament for the past two years and enjoy bringing the community together for such a worthy cause."

In addition to hoops, the event offered concessions that included standard fare such as pizza, chips, and assorted beverages as well as fish and chicken dinners and peach cobbler; arts and crafts for younger children; a mini college fair for high school students; and a performance by Steppers 4 Christ, the youth step team of Calvary Baptist Church. In-kind donations were made by Weber, Walgreens, Valley National Bank, Planet Hollywood, the NBA, Hyatt Morristown, and Commerce Bank.



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High School Division Champions



Barry Green
Most Valuable Player

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