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BASKETBALL CHARITY EVENT SET FOR JANUARY 23

The Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, proudly presents the 6th Annual "GAME OF HOPE CHARITY CLASSIC" in conjunction with area TV stations 27 First News & FOX 17/62; WYTV & MyYTV; radio stations 95.9 KISS-FM, MIX 98.9, & News Radio 570 WKBN, Accent Media, UAW Locals 1714 & 1112, NEOEA (North Eastern Ohio Education Association) and the Lamar Advertising Company.

The game is a celebrity/benefit basketball game that benefits chronically/terminally ill children, so that they may have the experience generally afforded by healthy children. Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley is a non-profit organization and its mission is to furtherance of charitable & financial support and volunteer services to and for chronically and/or terminally ill children on a local and regional level.

The event will take place on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the Beeghly Center, located on the campus of Youngstown State University with tip-off scheduled for 4:00 p.m. The game will be played with squads comprised of celebrities, dignitaries and media from the area and beyond. Donations are now being accepted on-line, mail or by stopping at any Home Savings and Loan Bank and mentioning "The Game of Hope Account."

In addition, the Crowe's Cabinet MVP and the Custom Awards Trophy will be presented at this great event. The MVP award is earmarked for the player that shows his/her exceptional play on the court. Furthermore, the Custom Awards Trophy is awarded to the winning coach for one year.

Additional activities planned for the basketball game include a performance by the Dream Team All-Stars of Girard, the City Printing 10-pt shot; Armstrong Cable \$5 for \$50 half-court shot, the YSU Men's Basketball Exhibition Dunk fest and visits from area mascots for the kids to enjoy. For more info on donations, and pictures from last year's game, go to www.hopemv.org.