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**Nominations Sought for Community Charity Event**

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Youngstown, Ohio (Tuesday, November 29, 2011)-- The Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley is announcing the **NOMINATE-A-PLAYER Honoree** for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual "Game of Hope Charity Basketball Classic." The Game of Hope Classic is a charity basketball game that benefits chronically/terminally ill children, so that they may have the experience generally afforded by healthy children. The event will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Beeghly Center on the campus of Youngstown State University with the teams being comprised of local elected officials, community leaders, dignitaries and media, which tip-off at 4:30 p.m.

This award is given to the person who donates their time and effort to their respective community. That individual gets to participate in the basketball game on the same team as our leaders and notables. It is a way to give back to the community by recognizing their involvement through the work they have done in the community.

The game will be televised via tape delay on Time Warner, Armstrong Cable, PTV and Comcast Sunday, Feb. 26 and will reach a viewing audience of nearly one million people. Check [hopemv.org](http://hopemv.org) for channels and times. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please go to the Hope Foundation website at [www.hopemv.org](http://www.hopemv.org) and click the NOMINATE-A-PLAYER link. **All entries must be received by Friday, Dec. 23.**

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