



Excellence in Girls Basketball!

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Dear Prospective Sponsor,

The Maryland Hurricanes was established in 1989 with the goal of providing excellent coaching and mentoring for young athletes while offering high levels of amateur basketball competition. Boasting an impressive list of alumni, we are one of the oldest and largest Amateur Athletic Union non-profit organizations in the state of Maryland.

Our stellar team, composed of girls 8 to 11 years old, was organized in the spring of 2008. A rule of thumb for our team is "B then B" -- Books then Basketball. Our players are encouraged to excel academically in order to participate. Our athletes are also dedicated to high-level competitive basketball with the hopes of playing in high school and then achieving scholarships on the college level. The girls are not just taught the fundamentals of basketball, but also self-confidence, self-esteem and leadership skills.

This year, the Maryland Hurricanes 1997-98 team will play in various tournaments and leagues throughout the Baltimore and Mid-Atlantic area. The team has been diligently practicing at Pikesville High School in Baltimore County. These Hurricanes played and won their first official game in June at the McDonogh School Summer League, and certainly we expect more victories throughout 2008-2009. With your help, the girls will be able to expand their horizons and travel and play more competitive tournaments in the near future.

As we continue to strive toward our goal of providing an excellent basketball experiences for all of the players, we do have considerable expenses, such as tournament entry fees, uniforms, equipment and travel/lodging. The average annual expense per player is approximately \$750.00 to play.

The parents of AAU players sacrifice a lot of time, effort and resources so that their children can participate in the program. We have asked each parent to seek out prospective sponsors to help with the cost of participation. If you would like to sponsor our team, we will be appreciative of your help. The Hurricanes is a non-profit organization and all sponsorship received will be used solely for the players' expenses. All of our coaches and parents are volunteers. With a donation, your organization may receive a tax benefit and we will express our gratitude in our publications and on our Web site. More importantly, you can take pride in supporting these young ladies as they grow and giving back to the community.

For more information or additional questions, please contact our treasurer, Doreen Smith, at email heysmitty215@yahoo.com or our team manager, Greg Reed, at ggreed@comcast.net for more information. You may also call Marvin Greene, Hurricanes president, at 410/654-6864. Our Web site is at www.marylandhurricanes.com. Thank you for your consideration.