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PIP Helps SFIC Raise Scholarship Funds Through Basketball Festival

On January 10th, Positive Impact Partners managed the Seventh Annual Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children Basketball Festival presented by The Star Ledger at Kean University. The sellout crowd of over 4,000 fans filed in watch some of the top high school boy's basketball teams in the country compete. The crowd gathered for a day of basketball entertainment and did not leave disappointed.

The quadruple-header started with St. Benedict's (Newark) defeating Our Savior New American (Centereach, NY) 95-63. St Benedict's was led by Rutgers commit Gil Biruta and Texas commit Myck Kabongo. In the second game, Bob Hurley and Saint Anthony (Jersey City) held-off talented NIA Prep (Newark) 62-51. Then the #1 team in the nation (USA Today) St. Patrick's took on New Jersey's #5 team in Trenton Catholic. St. Patrick's came out on top 78-52 behind 30 points from Duke commit Kyrie Irving. The last game of the day featured St. Peter's Prep and Hudson Catholic which St. Peter's won 77-42. The Marauders were led by 20 points from Ronald Roberts who has committed to St. John's.

The girls' SFIC Basketball Festival was held on Sunday, January 17th at Paramus Catholic High School. The first game featured Saint Anthony HS defeating Benedictine Academy, 64-34. In the second game, Paramus Catholic beat Mother Seton High School, 72-29. The last game was a 44-41 win for Marist High School over St. Dominic Academy.

Both festivals were a huge triumph as they benefited not only basketball fans but also the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children. The SFIC is a non-profit organization funded by corporations, foundations, and individual donors who wish to invest in the future of needy inner-city children living in neighboring communities. The primary mission of SFIC is to provide these youngsters with elementary and high school scholarships that will enable them to attend private schools offering a high quality, values-based education.

The Star Ledger NJ.com and Verizon Fios will showcase the following games on Verizon Fios1: Saint Anthony Boys vs. NIA Prep on January 14 at 7:30pm, St. Patrick Boys vs. Trenton Catholic on January 15 at 7:30pm, Saint Peter's Boys vs. Hudson Catholic on

January 16 at 10:30am, Paramus Catholic Girls vs. Mother Seton on January 20 at 7:30pm, and Marist Girls vs. St. Dominic Academy on January 22 at 7:30pm. Positive Impact Partners helped develop the tournament and has managed it since its inception seven years ago.

For more on Positive Impact Partners, go to: www.positiveimpactpartners.net. For more on the SFIC Basketball Festival, go to: www.sfichoops.com

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