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Second Annual “Hoops for Habitat” raises over \$10,000

Hattiesburg, MS (February 2, 2011) – On Friday, January 28th the Harlem Ambassadors returned to Hattiesburg to take on a group of local celebrities who call themselves the “Hattiesburg Habitat Hoopsters”. The Hoopsters included the athletic talents of: Father Tommy Conway, John Brown, Chad Newell, and Cpt. Andy Gilliam just to name a few. They were welcomed by a group of over 700 fans including kids from: the Boys and Girls Club, Homes of Hope for Children, the ARC, the Children’s Center at USM, the Dubard School, Edwards Street Mission, and the Petal Sunshine Kids. The colors were presented at the beginning of the game by the Boy Scouts and then the National Anthem was performed by Ms. Kate Dearman, a senior at PCS. The night was filled with laughter and tons of fun as the Ambassadors squared off against the Hoopsters and proved that a night with the Harlem Ambassadors is truly, “Not Your Grandfather’s Basketball Show”! Following the game, all of the Ambassadors were “Fed at The Shed” BBQ and Blues Joint.

This event raised just over \$10,000 dollars for the Hattiesburg Habitat affiliate and would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors and volunteers. We would like to especially thank:

- Our Event Sponsor- **Pine Grove Behavioral Health**
- Our Media Sponsor- **Citizens National Bank**
- **William Carey University** for donating the use of the Clinton Gym
- Our Hotel Sponsor- **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriot**
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 - **Will’s Way Pediatric Behavioral Psychology**
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 - **Coca-Cola of Hattiesburg**
 - **Walgreens**
 - **Krispy Kreme Doughnuts**
- Volunteer Sponsors:
 - **USM Office of Community Service Learning**
 - **Southern Miss Activities Council**
- Player Sponsors:
 - **Generosity of numerous entities from the community**

About Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity

Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit housing organization committed to assisting families in need with the life-changing opportunity of buying simple, decent affordable housing in partnership with a team of enthusiastic volunteers and staff guided by Christian values. For over 20 years our ministry has provided a **hand-up, not a hand-out** to 54 families in the Hattiesburg community. In addition, through our tithing efforts, an additional 10 families have been served in Haiti, Chile, Romania and Guatemala. Habitat volunteers build houses in partnership with low-income families. Upon completion, the families purchase the houses from us through ZERO interest loans and at no profit to Hattiesburg Area Habitat. For more information about how to get involved or a listing of partner churches, visit www.hattiesburghabitat.org or call the Habitat office at 601-582-4663.