



Catch The Stars Awards \$5,000 in Scholarships

This year's Catch The Stars Scholar Athlete Reception was held on June 9th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. CBS Analyst and Vice President of Basketball Operations, Clark Kellogg, became the first official keynote speaker and provided valuable goal setting advice for the finalists and guests in attendance.

The reception highlighted and recognized 32 finalist representing several Central Indiana high schools. Two \$2,500 scholarships were awarded to

the top male and female student athletes based on their academic achievements, community involvement and essays. This year's recipients are Brianna Gorman from Indianapolis Manual High School and John Ruckelshaus from Cathedral High School.



Catch The Stars has awarded over \$30,000 in scholarships to assist deserving students with their higher education goals.

CATCH THE STARS FOUNDATION SURVEY

Catch the Stars is committed to making a difference in the community!

Please take a moment to go online to take a brief survey about your involvement with the foundation!!

www.surveymonkey.com
Login: catchthestars
Password: catchin24

Our mission: To empower youth to achieve their dreams by providing goal setting programs that promote literacy, fitness and mentoring.

For more information about Catch the Stars Foundation or to make a tax deductible contribution, visit us online at: www.catchthestars.org

GOT CANS? GET FIT!

Spaces are filling up, but it's not too late to register for the 2011 Catch on to Fitness Clinic.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of hosting the Fitness Clinics which will be held on Saturday, November 19th at Guion Creek Middle School from 1-4 pm.

This clinic is open to boys and

girls ages 7-14 and admission is free for campers that donate a minimum of 10 canned food items.

Over 1,000 youth have learned the importance of staying fit and leading healthier lifestyles by attending these clinics. All proceeds benefit Gleaner's Food Bank of Central Indiana.



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Tamika Catchings Named WNBA 2011 Most Valuable Player

Indiana Fever all star forward Tamika Catchings was named the 2011 WNBA Most Valuable Player on Thursday, September 22 at a press conference held at Conesco Fieldhouse. Tamika received 21 first place votes and 292 points from a national panel of 40 sportswriters and broadcasters.

It's Tamika's 10th season with the Indiana Fever and after finishing among the top three in balloting five times and among the top five in eight

different seasons, it is an award that has been long deserved.

This season Tamika led the Fever to the top seed in the Eastern Conference averaging 15.5 points, 7.1 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.0 steals.

She is the only player in WNBA history with 5000 points, 2000 rebounds and 1,000 assists. She has led her team in scoring, rebounds, assists and steals eight times in 10 years.



TEAM

Catchin24.com Night



Tamika's exclusive Catchin24.Com fundraiser night was held on Sunday July 31 immediately following the Indiana Fever vs. Los Angeles Sparks game.

Over 100 Catch The Stars Foundation supporters attended the private event. Evening of activities included a silent Auction, carnival activities for children, the CTSF information and gift club tables and a few items for sale including Tamika's book "Dreams are For Catching."

Fans in attendance were treated to appearances by players from both the Fever and the Sparks including former Indiana Fever player Ebony Hoffman— an extra special appear-

ance fans appreciated. True to form Ebony always has some fun comments for the fans.

The icing on the cake was Tamika's family members that were in attendance and that shared a fun game of basketball with several of the younger fans. Tamika closed the event by signing autographs for those attending.

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Chicago Road Trip Fundraiser

The 5th Annual Chicago Road Trip took place on September 4 and included deluxe round-trip coach transportation to and from Chicago.

Participants were treated to a Road Trip Team t-shirt, a pregame Tailgate Party at Gino's pizza, a Chicago sightseeing tour, lower Bowl seats to the Indiana Fever vs. Chicago game and a private post-game party with Tamika and friends.

"Double WNBA Assists"

Tamika Catchings received the July 2011 WNBA Community Assist Award and was awarded with \$5,000 for Catch the Stars.

On September 11th, the Indiana Fever paid tribute to Tamika for her 10th year with the franchise.

During an on-court presentation, Fever GM Kelly Krauskopf presented Catchings with a \$10,000 check to assist the foundation in furthering their community efforts.

CTSF hold Fitness Program at Indiana Black Expo

Indianapolis youth attending this years' Indiana Black Expo had the opportunity to participate in the Catch The Stars Foundation Fitness Clinic at the Convention Center .

Volunteers Cassandra Shelby and Jolie Dalton led this years program with the help of many volunteers. We had a total of 80 youth who participate in several cardio fitness stations including basketball, Buda Khi, and more.

The one hour clinic was part of Indiana Black Expo's Children's Day. It was free to the public and participants. Everyone needed ear plugs to tone down the noise of excited children. It was a fun time for all who participated.



SUCCESS

5th Annual Back To School Celebration is a huge success

The Catch The Stars Foundation celebrated its 5th Annual Back to School Celebration on Saturday July 30. This year's event was held at Washington Park Family Center from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and was a huge success. Due to overwhelming response, volunteers sprung into action by giving out over 350 school-supply filled backpacks to local students in need.

This year's program was headed up by Sandy Green and over 25 members of the volunteer team lent their sup-

port shopping for supplies, stuffing backpacks and helping out on the day of the event. Several community vendors were on hand including: McGruff the Crime Dog, Best Buy, Flanner House of Indianapolis, Bundles Bounce Houses, Small Smiles Dental Center, Ian Smith Foundation, Buda Khi, Pacers Sports & Entertainment and Creative SOULutionz.

Special thanks to the following partners and sponsors for making this event a huge success—Indy Parks, Best Buy,

Sign-A-Rama, Staples, Chick-Fil-A, Sam's Club, Trader Joe's, Dave's Landscaping and Gatorade.



Early Registration for the 2011 Youth Holiday Basketball Camp

The 11th annual Catch The Stars Youth Holiday Basketball Camp will be held December 28th—30th at Warren Central High School.

The 3 day camp is for boys and girls between the ages of 9-14 and teaches basketball fundamentals while also stressing the importance of sportsmanship, nutrition, academics & goal setting. Campers receive

one-on-one instruction with Tamika & friends, a camp t-shirt, daily lunches, a personalized skills assessment and a voucher to attend a 2012 Indiana Fever home game.

Regular camp admission is \$100 per camper; however, take advantage of the \$25 Early Bird registration discount by registering before December 8th.

Register for Camp
Online at

www.catchthestars.org



Camper Testimonial

"At approximately age twelve or thirteen I met Tamika at her first camp as a Fever player. Tamika was unlike any other player I had met in that her personality and genuine care for other people shone through.



What started as a harmless joke turned into a ten year friendship and mentorship. At that age I was just starting to enjoy the game of basketball and being at Tamika's camp and learning about health, nutrition, athletics, and education was part of the many things that helped to solidify my love of the game.

Having Tamika tell me to keep my head up, get my education, and continue to work hard was important to me. Having her keep up with my progress and keep in touch from then through college and even until now at age of twenty-two has been an important part of my game and my life.

As one of my mentors, Tamika showed me how to work hard and to be a good person. Now I am a player in the WNBA for the New York Liberty and play against Tamika. She is still my mentor, and is still helping me to navigate the game and through life.

Catch The Stars Foundation holds a special place in my heart and is an important part of the Indianapolis community."

-Ta'Shia Phillips
WNBA Rookie



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WE NEED YOUR HELP

Catch The Stars Foundation is committed to making a difference in the lives of our future stars and relies heavily upon your financial support to make that happen. There is strength in numbers and we need your help to continue to reach our goals and impact the community. The Gift Club provides a way for individual donors to contribute to the foundation at various levels.

All Gift Club members receive:

- Email updates & newsletters
- Invitations to programs & events
- Name recognition on “Catch the Stars” camp shirts (\$50 or more)
- The opportunity to designate funds to specific programs

Criteria for Membership:

1. Membership is for individuals only, please contact us if you are interested in corporate sponsorship.
2. Membership runs from January 1 -December 31, 2011

Catch the Stars is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent. Please **DONATE ON-LINE** at www.catchthestars.org OR by completing and returning the form below.

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: () _____

Birth date: _____ T-shirt Size: _____

Enclosed is my \$_____ contribution. I would like to be a part of :

- _____ Slam Dunkers (any gift up to \$250)
- _____ Free throw Shooters (any gift between \$251-\$500)
- _____ 3 Point Shooters (any gift between \$501-\$999)
- _____ Half Court Shooters (any gift over \$1,000)



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Forms and payment can be mailed to: P.O. Box 53557, Indianapolis, IN 46253