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# Friends & Supporters of Liberian Basketball, Inc.

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The Friends and Supporters of Liberian Basketball, Inc, would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy, Fruitful, and Blessed New Year. We are extremely excited about some of the plans we have in place for 2009 and would like to take a moment to update you on a few things accomplished thus far. As you are aware, we were instrumental in securing the opportunity for a young Liberian, Mohammed Jabateh, to travel to the all-expense paid Basketball Without Borders camp sponsored by the NBA in September, 2008.

Secondly, we are pleased to inform you that, on January 15, 2009, we picked up the items the NBA promised to donate to us in our meeting with them last year. The packages included sweat suits, jackets, a set of jerseys from the Basketball Without Borders camp, women's balls and training brochures for the coaches. Arrangements are underway to have these items delivered to Monrovia, along with the other items we intend to purchase. A team comprised of members of LBF, the Ministry of Youth and Sports and representatives for FSLB will be involved in the process to ensure transparency and proper distribution of the items. A detailed report will provided upon completion.

**Thirdly, we were recently contacted by Dr. Dawn Barnes, founder of The Liberia Renaissance Foundation, Inc. (LRF), with a request for our organization to assist her foundation identify three or four worthy young Liberians who are academically ambitious and might also be interested in applying for a full scholarship to attend and play basketball for a private boarding high school in New York. LRF is a non-profit U.S. corporation. It was established in 2007 to benefit Liberia and its people by raising awareness in the U.S. of the needs and benefits of the country. Most of all, LRF seeks to promote a more positive image of our beloved Liberia. Please contact us at 443-415-0007 if you have a child or know of someone who you would like to have considered for this scholarship.**

We would also like you to request that you mark your calendars for the weekend of July 11, 2009 as we will be hosting our Third Annual Basketball Tournament, Membership and Fundraising Drive in Maryland. As in the past, we will have men, women, and youth games and we also intend to have an awards ceremony, honoring some of the veterans of the sport, as well as some activities and clinics for the youth. There will be a few surprise visitors who you won't want to miss. We are continually encouraged by the overwhelming support received over the past couple of years and are looking forward to seeing you at the games, party and other activities that weekend.

While some of you may be hearing of us for the first time, many others of you have expressed an interest in becoming involved in our efforts and we encourage you to become a member of our organization. Our future stars in Liberia need all of our help – every little bit counts and together, we can make a difference! Please visit our website,

[www.folbf.org](http://www.folbf.org) for additional information about our mission, goals and action plans. You may sign up to become a member on-line.

We are counting on you for your ideas, financial contributions and support as we implement the plans on hand. **Our next general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. Call-in number (712) 451-6000 code: 164531#** Together, we can make immeasurable progress and a tremendous impact on the basketball program in Liberia. We look forward to working with you as we promote and support the sustainable development of basketball, education and leadership of young Liberian men and women both nationally and internationally.

In union strong, success is sure!!