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WHITWORTH BASKETBALL SURPRISES BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Members Get to Meet and Spend Time With Their Sports Heroes

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON (Monday, January 3) – The members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County’s Northtown Branch were excited to hear yesterday that the Men’s Whitworth Basketball team will be visiting the Club on Thursday, January 27th.

Club members will be able to spend time with the players and receive autographs of their favorite players. The Whitworth Athletic Program has also generously donated 80 tickets to the Club for their Men’s basketball game on January 28th game versus Linfield so that Club members can watch their sports heroes in action.

“Our Club members absolutely love basketball and having the Whitworth basketball team come out to spend time with our at-risk youth will be a great opportunity for our members to receive that encouragement they need on the importance of working hard both in school and on the court,” said Alise Delzell, Operations Director for the Clubs.

The Boys & Girls Club is very excited about this new partnership with Whitworth University because our mission statements are both in-line with each other, to educate not only the mind, but also the heart. To promote both the mission of the Boys & Girls Club and Whitworth University, Club members must earn their ticket to see the Pirates take on the Wildcats by completing ten hours of homework this month in the Club’s homework center and show good character both in school and at the Club. With the Club serving over 200 disadvantaged youth every day, it’s going to be a fierce competition this month for a ticket to the big game.

About The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County

Since 2001, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County has been a part of a nationwide affiliation of local, autonomous organizations dedicated to helping young people of all backgrounds develop the qualities they need to become responsible citizens and leaders. Founded in the philosophies of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County operates multiple Clubs in order to provide a broad range of programs in five

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Core Areas: Education and Career Development, Character and Leadership Development, Health and Life Skills, the Arts and Sports, Fitness and Recreation. Currently serving nearly 3,700 area youth between the ages of 6 - 18, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane County operates three Clubs year-round, Monday through Friday. For a yearly membership fee of \$10, youth have access to all of the Clubs: Northtown Branch, the Libby Teen Center and the Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer (Mead) Branch.

For more info about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Spokane visit www.bgcspokanecounty.org

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