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## HORNETS ALL-STAR GUARD CHRIS PAUL DEDICATES THIRD REFURBISHED BASKETBALL COURT

*Hornets and CP3 Foundation host health and fitness activities during event*

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**NEW ORLEANS**—Hornets All-Star point guard Chris Paul will be on hand to dedicate his third completed refurbished basketball court on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 2:30 p.m. at A.L. Davis Playground (2600 LaSalle St. in Uptown.) The dedication will include interactive activities including a basketball clinic, inflatable games, Ochsner and Elmwood Mobile Fitness Units, Hugo and Honeybees to encourage local youth to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

"It's a blessing for my family to be in a position where we can give back to the young people in New Orleans," said Paul. "Playing basketball can teach life lessons and be an outlet for young kids to express themselves, and I hope that through these playgrounds and fitness activities, we can provide a safe place for our neighbors to play and lead healthy lives."

Proceeds raised from the inaugural CP3 Celebrity Golf Classic presented by the Fore!Kids Foundation to benefit the CP3 Foundation provided the funds to purchase new basketball goals and equipment and refurbish the court to look identical to the Hornets home court at the New Orleans Arena. Urban Strategies, a community and supportive services organization serving nearby Harmony Oaks development, provided the funds to refurbish the canopy covering the court.

"Urban Strategies is thrilled to partner with the Hornets and the Harmony Oaks Neighborhood Association on the development of the basketball court. We see this is as a great opportunity to enrich the community that surrounds Harmony Oaks with an attractive recreational facility that draws people together," said Sandra Moore, president, Urban Strategies.

In addition to the court refurbishment dedication and activities, Paul will also present a check donation to a local Big Brothers, Big Sisters chapter and the STAIR program, both Fore!Kids Foundation recipient charities.

As part of Paul's dedication to giving back to the youth of New Orleans, he committed to refurbish and revitalize three local basketball courts. Clay Playground was the first completed court and was painted to be identical to Paul's high school basketball court, West Forsyth High School in North Carolina. The second court, Hardin Playground, was dedicated last July and was painted to replicate Wake Forest University.

The CP3 Foundation was started in 2005 as a way Paul could continue his philanthropic efforts in his hometowns of Winston-Salem, N.C. and New Orleans and pay tribute to his late grandfather's legacy. The foundation emphasizes initiatives focused on faith, family and community.

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