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Basketball Team plans fundraiser for injured classmate

MEDINA, OHIO (12/21/09) – The story of Highland High School senior Kory Wiita has become well-known throughout Medina and surrounding communities. Kory suffered a serious spinal cord injury during a varsity football game on October 30 and since that time, the genuine concern and outpouring of love and generosity have been nothing short of amazing.

"Everyone wants to do something to help Kory," said Highland Athletic Director Bo Kuntz. "You can't go anywhere in the Highland School District without seeing someone wearing a 'Kory' t-shirt or wrist band." To date, several local business and restaurants have hosted special events and programs recognizing Kory and his fight for recovery. Each has made generous donations to help support the Wiita family's growing medical bills. And, individual donations continue to roll in.

The latest effort at Highland has been brought about by the boys' varsity basketball team. "Feeling the need to help their classmate, the team has come together, along with their coach and parent volunteers to honor Kory during an upcoming basketball game," Kuntz explained.

The Highland Boys' Basketball Program has decided to raise money for the Wiita family by hosting a charity **Black-Out** basketball game. **The game is set for January 22, 2010, again vs. Cloverleaf and will be held at Highland High School, 4150 Ridge Road in Medina. The Junior Varsity game starts at 6 p.m.; Varsity at 7:30 p.m.** Those attending are asked to make a \$10 donation, which includes a specially-designed Black-Out t-shirt. Raffles and shooting contests will also be held, as well as giveaway prizes for the crowd and more! One lucky raffle winner will receive a custom Highland quilt currently on display at the Highland Public Library. Regular ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Pre-sale tickets are available by calling 330-239-1901, ext. 5401, or through the Highland Athletic Office.

"Our ultimate goal is that the game is a sell-out for Kory and the Wiita family," said Kuntz. "The hope is to have the gym filled to capacity, with overflow spectators in the auditorium. We live in a great community. Let's come together once again to offer our support and help out a Hornet in need."

At this time, the team is seeking monetary donations, as well as donations of goods and services from local business and individuals to help make this event one to remember. All proceeds raised from the event will go directly to the Wiita family.

For more information about this event, please contact Athletic Director Bo Kuntz at 330-239-1901, ext. 5401 or via email at bkuntz@highlandschools.org or Kevin or Amy Lyon at 330-289-2204. To read updates on Kory's progress, visit www.korywiita.org or www.caringbridge.org/visit/korywiita.

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