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### Immediate Release

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The Boys and Girls Club of Hudson County serve more than 2,000 youths ages 5-21 annually in Jersey City and Hoboken.

The Boys and Girls Club of Hudson County administer programs such as Power Hour for homework assistance, tutoring to Career Launch, SMART Girls, Manhood, martial arts, UPS Road Code to computer coding, AAU Basketball, Music Production, Robotics, character development, Triple Play, Healthy Habits, Keystone leadership and community service club for teens.

The program will incorporate basketball skill development, provided by the Boys and Girls Club Travel Team coaches and Club Basketball Alumni. The coaches will conduct basketball clinics including strength, conditioning, shooting, ball handling, passing, rebounding, and defense skills to groups divided by age and ability. The Hudson County Sheriff Police Department will provide officers not just security, but to participate in the basketball program and build relationships with youth in the community. The Jersey City

Housing Authority for many years provided teams to participate on travel teams and basketball leagues. They provided 45 teams involving 650 youths from throughout the Jersey City Housing Authority.

The Hudson County Outdoor Summer Basketball League believes that the participants will develop and sustain positive relationships with others, improve conflict resolution skills, foster teamwork, promote healthy lifestyles to prevent obesity, reduce juvenile delinquency, promote a safe and healthy environment for youth and families.

The grant award will be utilized to implement and oversee an instructional basketball program for 180 youths, ages 8-14, from Monday to Friday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. beginning on July 5<sup>th</sup> and ending on August 12<sup>th</sup> for a total of 29 days.

The Boys and Girls Club of Hudson County, 225 Morris Boulevard, Jersey City, N.J. 07302, has the staffing with the appropriate expertise and resources to run such a basketball program.

Chairman Anthony Vainieri and the Board of Commissioners are committed to providing the necessary financial support and social services needed to assist the youth of Hudson County excel not only in this basketball program but also with the choices they make in life. The commissioners believe that the young people need to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

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