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### The Chattanooga Business Community coming together to give back

Chattanooga – Gary McClendon, a former professional basketball player who played with the Harlem Magicians alongside the legendary Marcus Haynes, was born and raised in Chattanooga, TN. Gary has always given back to and is constantly looking for ways to give back to the community. Gary remembers when he played basketball with the Harlem Magicians and the smiles on the children's faces when the team performed their basketball tricks and skits and he still remembers the first time he saw the Harlem Globetrotter's perform when he was a child. Their performance had a lasting impression

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Students, teachers, parents, and supporters of Woodmore Elementary pose with Harlem Globetrotters.

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on him and later when he played with Marques Haynes, it was a dream come true for him.

When Gary saw the Harlem Globetrotter's were coming to Chattanooga, he thought that's the perfect event to for the children and their families who survived the recent Woodmore Elementary School bus crash. No matter what the circumstances for a brief period of time, watching the Harlem Globetrotters perform is bound to make you smile. Gary decided to purchase tickets to the game for the Woodmore Elementary children and other youth in the city. He discussed this idea with some local businesses and friends and the response has been more than amazing.

Together the Chattanooga business community and friends purchased 100 tickets for the Harlem Globetrotters game at McKenzie Area on January 20, 2017. Thanks to the ChattanoogaBlackPages.Com, Sports Profiles USA, People Staff, Inc., Chic Beauty Salon, Michael Muhammad (Virtuoso's Grooming Lounge), J.P. Franklin Funeral Home, Key Bonding Company, Victor Howell, Saks Wing Shak, Uncle Larry's Restaurant, Chattanooga Wing Factory, PRO Logo Depot, Chatt Smoke House, Roots Hair & Beauty, Dorothy Grisham Allstate Agency, Kid's Korner Learning and Development Center, Brothers United – International Association of Black Professional Firefighters, Chattanooga Black Police Officers Association, Global Protective Services, Baker's Barber College, Herman's Soul Food & Catering, C&W Cafe, G's Detroit Sausages, Greg Tony Entertain-

ment, Anointed Cuts Lawn Care, EPB, Uptown Vision of Chattanooga and Jan Pro, local children had an exciting, fun and memorable night that will last a life time.

Of the 100 tickets, 62 were given to the children and families that survived the recent Woodmore Elementary School bus crash. The remaining were giving to other Chattanooga school children.

In a news exclusive, WDEF (News Channel 12) reported, "The Woodmore bus crash claimed 6 lives and the kids at Woodmore Elementary are still recovering, faculty members felt this would help take their mind off of things for awhile.

Brenda Adamson-Cothran, the principal of Woodmore Elementary says, "I think it means a lot it's important to them to be able to continue to do what they need to do to grieve the lost of their classmates and brothers and sisters but also to take time to get some rest time and care for themselves and gave fun."

"I saw the smiles on they face... the laughter... the fact that the team came down and took pictures with them it was priceless."

Someone once wrote, "Make what change you are able to make now, and let the 'giving spirit' spread like a virus, infinitely touching the lives of people you may never meet, across boundaries you may never cross, in ways you may never imagine. That is the power of giving and your ticket to changing the world." Our business community and friends have a giving spirit and Gary would like to thank everyone who made this community initiative a big success.