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IUPUI Coach Teaches Basketball and Values

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IUPUI Women's Basketball Coach Shann Hart & players will lead a basketball camp for Lutherwood Youth



Coach Shann Hart

Dribbling, shooting, passing and goal setting will be on the docket when IUPUI Head Women's Basketball Coach Shann Hart leads a one-day basketball camp at Lutherwood Academy on Friday, June 29, 2007. The coach believes learning basketball fundamentals helps young people develop team building skills and form good character traits. Coach Hart and the entire IUPUI Women's Basketball staff care deeply about at-risk children in our community. The camp is one way to connect with Lutherwood youth quickly and have a positive influence on their academic development. Basketball is a premier sport for Hoosiers, so the opportunity for Lutherwood children to rub shoulders with a successful college coach is a special treat.

Shann Hart is in her third season as Head Coach of the IUPUI women's basketball team. Last year, Hart continued her trend of turning teams around, guiding the Jaguars this past season to more overall and conference wins than the entire 2004-2005 and 2003-2004 seasons combined. The Jaguars performance last year on the court earned Hart National Coach of the Year honors from the Black Coaches Association. She also was selected as Mid-Con Coach of the Year in a vote of the conference coaches and media.

According to Lutheran Child & Family Services Executive Director Michael Johnson, "Many children look up to men and women in sports as role models. Coach Hart's approach to personal discipline, teamwork and academics is a very positive way to reach our children. We appreciate Coach Hart and her staff for demonstrating their concern for vulnerable children in our community."

The Lutherwood Basketball Camp will have two sessions for different age groups. Each session will include individual stations, small group competition and character instruction—including the value of goal setting and academic studies.

When: Friday, June 29, 2007
10 am – 2 pm

Where: Lutheran Child & Family Services
Lutherwood Academy Gymnasium
1525 N. Ritter Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46219

LCFS: Lutheran Child & Family Services (LCFS) is a multi-service, nonprofit 501(c)(3) member agency of United Way of Central Indiana and provides services that strengthen vulnerable youth and families. LCFS's services include: Lutherwood Residential Treatment Facility (providing specialized treatment for youth in crisis); Lutherwood Academy (a satellite partnership with IPS); Trinity Group Home (where young men transition to independent living); Mentoring, Parenting Instruction, Family Preservation Initiatives; Adoption & Foster Care Services; and the Sharing Place Food and Clothing Pantry. LCFS serves approximately 30,000 people annually.

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