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INDIANA PACER VISITS LUTHERWOOD TO MOTIVATE CLIENTS FOR EXCELLENCE

Mike Dunleavy speaks during Circle of Courage

Lutherwood residents were blessed with a presentation from Indiana Pacers starting forward and guard, Mike Dunleavy, recently. Mike spent Friday afternoon talking to clients about the importance of going to school and getting an education to excel in life.

During Circle of Courage, an event that takes place each Friday at Lutherwood to teach students the sense of belonging, Mike took time during the off-season to speak to residents at Lutherwood Residential Treatment Facility and be an example of the rewards kids can get out of life if they set a goal and strive to achieve it.

“Mike wanted to come out to Lutherwood and speak to the kids because he loves working with kids,” Kathryn Jordan, Vice President of Team Development for the Indiana Pacers said. “Education is the way out of anything and education takes you very far.”

“Having a member of the Indiana Pacers come out and speak with our kids shows our students that the community really cares,” Dr. Alton Strange, Education Director for Lutherwood Education Academy said.

“Mike Dunleavy’s appearance on our campus was a great opportunity for residents at Lutherwood and a great way for the Indiana Pacers organization to give back to the local community,” said Michael Johnson, Executive Director for Lutheran Child and Family Services.

About 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 Education 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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