



THE LAKESHORE HONORS LEAGUE

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MINISTRIES

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Dear Lakeshore Honors League Friends:

The Lakeshore Honors League is moving into its 12th season and we're very excited to kick off another season of positively impacting the lives of roughly 100 area high school boys through mentorship and the great game of basketball!

This year, the league is comprised of 7 west Michigan teams ranging from south Holland, to Allendale, to Grand Haven. The teams are directed and coached by area alternative schools and youth programs that are dedicated to helping mentor the area youth of their communities. For many of the students involved, the chance to participate in an organized league such as this, is a life shaping event, producing positive development that changes lives. Character, teamwork, dedication, patience, hard work, are just a few of the long-lasting traits that are developed and established through participation in this league.

The organizations involved and hosting teams this year include:

Harderwyk Ministries Anchor Youth Building (Holland)
Barnabas Ministries and the Juvenile Justice Institute (Holland/Zeeland)
Life Stream Church (Allendale)
Boys and Girls Club (North Holland)
Boys and Girls Club (South Holland)
Watermark Church (Grand Haven)
The Dunes Alternative School (West Ottawa)

As you can imagine, running a league of this caliber does require substantial funds. Jerseys, basketballs, gym rental fees, and MHSAA qualified referee fees (by far our largest expense) all add to the total cost of administering a league our players, coaches, and parents can grow from and be proud of.

Each of the teams involved are already required to produce a registration fee and handle the ground work to facilitate their teams. But, being as many of the organizations involved are nonprofit, and have very little extra room in their budgeting, we are looking for friends and area business that can help participate in making sure this league continues to thrive.

That's where you come in. We'd like to invite you to help by making a donation towards the roughly \$10,000 it takes to run the league each year. Harderwyk Ministries is a nonprofit ministry and 501(C)(3) organization making your contribution tax deductible. Please consider one of the options below:

- \$500 - - will cover the cost of providing licensed MHSAA officials at 5 games.
- \$250 - - will cover the cost of providing replacement jerseys for those lost or damaged
- \$100 - - will cover the cost of providing new game basketballs for 3 teams.

Also, by donating, your company's name/logo goes on the back of a complimentary shirt that gets distributed to all the participants in the league. Last years shirt design is on the attached picture page.

If you would like to donate, please make any checks payable to Harderwyk Ministries Lakeshore Honors League and mail it out in the included return envelope. By donating, you are helping to make a lasting impact in the lives of many young high school men. Each player in the league also receives a free league tee shirt for participating. If you are donating through a business, your logo will go on the back of that shirt with other sponsors. You are likely to see it around many gyms a park basketball courts in the area!

Thank you so much in advance for taking the time to consider sponsoring the Lakeshore Honors League. If you have any other questions, please feel free to email using the address below. West Michigan is a such a charitable area and we're honored to have you as neighbors!

Sincerely,

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