

About Operation Smile

Operation Smile is a non-profit organization providing reconstructive surgery to indigent children and young adults in 16 developing countries as well as the United States. Based in Norfolk, Virginia, Operation Smile also provides education and training to physicians and other health care professionals to achieve long-term self-sufficiency. Since 1982, Operation Smile has treated more than 45,000 children throughout the United States and Abroad.

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Operation Smile extends a personal thanks to M+H Concepts for creating the game program, Constantine G. Pergantis of Nile Lites® for donating game programs, Joe Head of BB&T Bank for sponsoring the player's shirts, Plate Holey from Tommy Joe's Restaurant for providing food and refreshments to celebrity participants, Alfredo Benavides, Landon School faculty advisor, for coordinating game logistics.



Operation Smile 11th annual Celebrity Basketball Classic

Friday, March 16, 2001

7:00 pm

Landon School

Bethesda, Maryland

Landon School and Stone Ridge are proud to host their annual celebrity basketball classic to help raise money for Operation Smile. Each school's faculty, supported by a variety of high-profile celebrities, square off in what promises to be a close, down to the buzzer game. The evening also features a sports memorabilia raffle and exciting half time show. All proceeds benefit Operation Smile.

Celebrity Participants



Tate Armstrong — A graduate of Duke University, Tate was a member of the 1976 gold medal winning USA Olympic team. Playing in his third Operation Smile game, Tate is a local resident of Rockville and father of seven. His NBA career included stints with the Chicago Bulls, San Antonio Spurs, and New Jersey Nets.



Clay Buckley — Playing in his 1st Operation Smile Game, he was the captain for the Duke 1991 National Championship Basketball team. Clay made four appearances in the Final Four. His father also played in two Final Fours at Duke in 1964 and 1965. Clay holds a MBA from Georgetown University and is the executive director of business affairs for AOL Inc.



Chris Harrison — Playing in his 2nd Operation Smile game, Chris has been a starting offensive lineman for a variety of NFL teams, including the Detroit Lions, Minnesota Vikings, Baltimore Ravens, and the Denver Broncos. A graduate of the University of Virginia, Chris was a 2nd team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection, and holds a BS degree in commerce and a masters degree in education.



Tracy Jackson — A local basketball star, Tracy graduated from Paint Branch High School and is recognized as the school's all time leading scorer. A graduate of Notre Dame, where he served as team captain, Tracy's NBA career included playing for the Indiana Pacers, Boston Celtics, and Chicago Bulls. Tracy is playing in his 5th Operation Smile game.



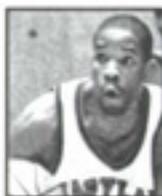
Charles Mann — A graduate of Nevada Reno, Charles led the Big Sky Conference with 14 sacks in his senior year and was voted a Division I-AA All-American. Entering the NFL in 1983, he was a menacing threat to quarterbacks throughout his 12 year career and appeared in four Superbowls and four Pro Bowls. Today Charles donates his time to the Good Samaritan Foundation, a charitable organization he co-founded, and he can be seen on *The NFL on CBS*.



Constantine Pergantis — A graduate of Seneca Valley High School and native Washingtonian, Constantine is making his 7th appearance for Operation Smile. A player/coach for his nationally ranked Hoop It Up team, the squad has won the D.C. and Cleveland Hoop It Up competitions in 1999 and the Hoop Dreams tournament in Washington, D.C. for 1998, 1999, 2000, and Hartford in 2000. He also finished 7th in the 1998 International Shootout held in Las Vegas.



Topper Shutt — A Landon Alum, Topper is a meteorologist for WUSA-TV Channel 9. Recognized as the only native Washingtonian forecasting the weather in the metro area, Topper is the father of three daughters and looks forward to winning many father-daughter golf tournaments. Topper is appearing in his 8th Operation Smile game.



Duane Simpkins — A former DeMatha High School and McDonald's All American standout, Duane played ball at the University of Maryland and is ranked 2nd in all time free-throw percentage and 3rd in all time assists at the university. While at U of M, Duane was also recognized as a three-time, All ACC honorable mention. He played professional basketball in Belgium and France and is presently working at One on One Basketball, Inc. This is Duane's 3rd Operation Smile game.



Charlie Thomas — Playing in his 6th Operation Smile game, Charlie was All Met while at Seneca Valley High School and was the starting center for Wake Forest before transferring to the University of New Mexico and being named WAC "Newcomer of the Year." Charlie also played two years in the Australian NBL. Currently he is the camp manager for the Columbia Association as well as program director for the Midnight Basketball League in Howard County.



Tracy Turner — A former county basketball star from Gaithersburg High School, Tracy was a standout while at Missouri Western and placed 1st for three consecutive years in the New York City "Hoop It Up" dunk contest. He was also 2nd runner up in the "Upper Deck World Dunk Finals." Tracy is playing in his 7th Operation Smile game.



Reggie Williams — Baltimore's Dunbar High School featured a stellar basketball team with a host of up and coming NBA stars, including Reggie, Muggsy Bogues, David Wingate, and the late Reggie Lewis. A graduate of Georgetown University, Reggie helped the Hoyas win a national championship and was voted Big East Player of the Year. His NBA career spanned 11 seasons and included stints with Los Angeles, Cleveland, San Antonio, Denver, Indiana, and New Jersey.

Buy your tickets now for the annual Operation Smile raffle and Knock-out tournament. Prizes include \$100 gift certificates for Blackie's House of Beef and The Prime Rib, eight tickets to the Freedom and the Power, and autographed jerseys from the Power and Jeff George.

Photographs from tonight's game will be available online at www.VisualWOW.com