

Charity basketball game at ASFMS pits cops, teachers

Proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project

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COVENTRY — Tonight, members of the Alan Shawn Feinstein staff and the Coventry Police Department will compete in a friendly game of basketball to help raise money for a worthy cause.

Kim Sturdahl, Behavioral Specialist at the middle school, explained that each year a basketball game is held to raise money towards an organization; this year's will support the Wounded Warrior Project.

This organization was founded in 2002 and "works to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured servicemen and women, to help severely injured service members aid and assist each other and to provide unique, direct programs and services to

CHARITY GAME

- Tonight, 7 p.m.; Feinstein MS gymnasium
- Admission: \$5/adult, \$3/student; \$4/adult, \$2/student with military ID; free admission for those completing military data sheet at door.
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Game benefits military org.

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meet their needs.”

This program helps members of the armed forces mentally, physically and economically after they have returned from deployment. It assists in rehabilitating soldiers as they transition from deployment back to civilian life.

Sturdahl, whose husband and son have each served overseas, has launched a district-wide military database for the children of deployed parents as a way to help them cope with their parents being gone. She has also organized numerous events for military families in the district including Military Awareness Night and fundraisers to benefit these families.

“We thought it would be a good connection between the military and seeing that we have a lot of returning soldiers we thought it would be a good mix,” she added.

She said that 13 members of the middle school staff and the Coventry Police Depart-

ment will be playing basketball and all proceeds from ticket sales will go towards the organization.

“Honestly, my son was wounded when he was over there and when they sent him back he didn’t have any clothes,” she explained. “The Wounded Warrior Project gave him clothes; they do everything from helping soldiers redo their resume to setting up health insurance.”

The basketball game will be held tonight at the Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School gymnasium and tickets will be \$5 per adult and \$3 per student. Anybody with military ID will be asked to show it and tickets will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Sturdahl said if anybody is interested in filling out a military data sheet at the door, which will be added into the district data base, tickets are free.

All proceeds from ticket sales will go towards the Wounded Warrior Project.