



Dear Freedom Fire and LTD Family,

God has been extremely gracious to the boys, to the Garrison Center community, and to us coaches the past twelve months. Thank you for supporting, praying, and giving us words of encouragement. Your support remains valuable as we encounter resistance to the gospel.

There have been many difficult stretches throughout this year due to some of our boys' decisions. Many of our young men do not have dads involved, have little consistency and success, and they are continuing to struggle how to follow Jesus in their toxic neighborhood.

We want to use basketball to share the gospel to see God transform their lives for the glory of God. This past year, it is already happening as we have seen two boys commit to following Jesus at Kids Across America, we have one boy wanting to share Jesus with family and friends, we memorized six Bible verses in six weeks, had Bible studies, intently listened to a 99-year old missionary, performed a service project at Camp Shalom, discussed and practiced confession and repentance, and now have other adults mentoring our young men. We feel called to go another year going even deeper, but we need your help!

We would like to invite you to celebrate the work that God has done through our basketball team this past year. We would also like to raise support for the upcoming year. Our goal is to raise \$18,000 for the next year of ministry with our young men and bring more people into the fold to minister to them. The money will cover meals, events, seven days at Kids Across America camp, four tournaments in Kansas City next year, and coaching stipends. We want the boys to earn this experience through work or service projects, saving some of their own money, and faithfully attending our Bible studies and events. If you would like more information about the budget, please let me know.

We are looking for people to partner with us in a number of ways:

1. **Prayer** – both for the ministry as a whole and for specific boys
2. **Service or work projects** – providing service projects or work projects. These are key, as the boys will earn the different opportunities being provided by completing these work projects.
3. **Meals** - donating meals for tournaments
4. **Mentoring** - help mentor one of our young men
5. **Financial support** – helping fund the next year of ministry with these young men

Below is the information about the banquet. Please respond to the eVite invitation. If you cannot attend the evening and would like to partner with us, please email me or you may give online at [www.freedomfire.org](http://www.freedomfire.org) or send a check to Freedom Fire Ministries, c/o Michael Loney, PO Box 270061, Kansas City, MO 64127.

**BANQUET INFORMATION:**

**When:** Monday, November 2, 6:30-8:30 PM

**Where:** Grand Street Cafe, 4740 Grand Ave, Kansas City, MO

**Meal:** Dinner provided

**Attire:** Business Casual

**Childcare:** Not provided

Thank you again for your partnership with our young men!

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