



# FREEDOM HOOPS

PERSEVERANCE. ACCOUNTABILITY. SACRIFICE. SAVIOR. JOY.

December 10, 2016

Family and Friends,

## Players Amazed at the Venue

As soon as two of our players walked into Grand Street Café, they gave two huge smiles, clapped their hands, and said, “Here we go!” The beautiful venue amazed them as they looked side to side. Throughout the evening our guys had smiles as big as you could see. Later their smiles enlarged as they received their awards based on our core values of Perseverance, Accountability, Sacrifice, Savior, and Joy.

## 2016 Scripture Memory

All year long we memorized 10 verses based on our core values described above. Our guys nervously at first but confidently at the end shared their best five verses to the crowd of more than 80 people. Afterwards one could tell the young men felt a sense of accomplishment as they shared the verses. Many people afterwards spoke of how encouraging it was for them to see young men memorizing such applicable verses.



## Michael Watson and Marvin Daniels

Michael Watson, UMKC’s all-time leading scorer, hosted the evening. His humor and energy made the evening extra special. Marvin Daniels, executive director of the Hope Center in Kansas City, spoke of the importance of having a Mentor, Model, Man, and a Mission in your life. Everyone walked away encouraged from his talk.

## 20 Percent of Budget Raised

The guests at the Vision Dinner were incredibly generous. God raised nearly 20% of our \$50,000 budget for the 2017 ministry year. To date, we are approximately funded 60% towards our 2017 budget.

## Thank you!

Thank you for praying, attending, and partnering with us as we deeply impact urban youth to fight the cycle of fatherlessness, hopelessness, and under resourcing.

Michael Loney

P.S. If you would like to see some highlights from the evening, check this link out:

<https://youtu.be/nE3SY1aT1eA>

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