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Community Volunteers Assemble to Pack Nearly 5,000 Baskets Destined for Children's Hospitals Across the Country: NFL Players to deliver thousands of baskets to hospitalized children in more than 20 cities

WHO: NFL player DeAngelo Hall, Community and FedEx volunteers, Goryeb Children's Hospital, NFL

Wives Association and NFL Alumni, Malcolm Jenkins Foundation

WHAT: Super Baskets of Hope Assembly Day WHEN: Monday, January 27, 2014, 9am-5pm

WHERE: Renaissance Meadowlands Hotel Ballroom

801 Rutherford Avenue Rutherford, NJ 07070

WHY: Over one hundred community volunteers will join together to fill thousands of gift baskets destined to Children's Hospitals across the U.S. In these cities NFL players and alumni will personally deliver the gift baskets to help brighten the lives of deserving children. Basket of Hope began in 1995 with the hopes of bringing smiles to hospitalized children and their families. Since that time, Kurt Warner and Tony Dungy have been instrumental in growing the program to reach thousands of children.

This year, many NFL players, coaches, alumni, and teams across the country are not only delivering the baskets, but personally helping to cover the associated costs. These include Ryan Neill in New Jersey, DeAngelo Hall in Atlanta, Lorenzo Alexander in Washington, D.C., the St. Louis Rams, the New York Giants, the New York Jets, Malcolm Jenkins and New Orleans Saints Head Coach Sean Payton.

Local area hospitals benefiting from the program include Children's Hospital of New Jersey, Children's Hospital at Montefiore and Goryeb Children's Hospital. New York Giants Kicker Josh Brown has participated in the program for the past 5 years and will be delivering baskets to hospitals in New Jersey and New York with Ryan Neill.

"Super Baskets of Hope has been one of the most rewarding partnerships of my life. No other charitable organization makes it so easy to show love for seriously ill children in our community. This is done by simply handing them a basket and offering an inspirational hope tote to their parents. I truly consider it a privilege to be a part of this group." - Josh Brown, New York Giants

"Super Baskets of Hope is a wonderful organization about giving hope through the delivery of baskets and an inspirational tote for children and their parents and it's an honor to be a part of it. It is a great way for players to use their platform in a positive and encouraging way by spending time with ill children and their families."

- Adam Burt – New York Jets chaplain.

"One of the great pleasures I've had has been working with the Basket of Hope program.

I would like to thank Basket of Hope for all they do in ministering to so many hospitalized children and their families each year. I'd also like to thank them for allowing our books to be a part of that ministry." -Tony Dungy

The baskets are filled with games, crafts, toys, books and include NFL team items donated by LIDS, the New York Jets and the New York Giants. Parents receive totes filled with inspirational mementos and books. FedEx will transport the assembled baskets and totes to more than 20 Children's Hospitals across the country where they will assist in the local deliveries.

For more information, go to superbasketsofhope.org or feel free to contact Angela Brunette or Paula Bosler.