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PRESS RELEASE

MAYOR CARSTARPHEN, PHILADELPHIA 76ERS COO LARA PRICE, SIXERS YOUTH FOUNDATION, CAMDEN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE NEWLY REFURBISHED BASKETBALL COURT AT FARNHAM PARK

Renovations Made Possible Through A Generous Grant From The Sixers Youth Foundation

CAMDEN, NJ – Camden Mayor Victor Carstarphen, Philadelphia 76ers COO Lara Price, Camden Community Co-Chair Mark McDonough, Camden County Commissioner Melinda Kane, Camden City Council President Angel Fuentes, Councilman Chris Collins, Sixers Ambassador World B. Free, Camden resident and former Eastside Highschool basketball standout Chanelle “Nelly” Perry, Sixers mascot Franklin, the Sixers Dance Team, and other invited guests came together to commemorate the official opening of the newly refurbished basketball court located in Farnham Park. Today’s ribbon cutting ceremony emphasizes Mayor Carstarphen’s continued effort to enhance the City’s parks system and create safe and healthy spaces for Camden families to enjoy.

“I am truly grateful to the Sixers Youth Foundation for their on-going commitment to enrich the lives of our residents,” said Camden Mayor Victor Carstarphen. “Our young children now have a wonderful basketball court they can be proud playing on. It is partnerships like this that show how working together, we can accomplish anything. We turned an idea into a concept, and this concept into a reality. This is what Camden Strong is all about.”

The basketball court improvements were made possible through a grant from the Sixers Youth Foundation, which features a new playing surface, new rims and nets, and newly painted lines and colors across the court, featuring a Sixers Youth Foundation logo. The contribution by the Sixers Youth Foundation is part of their ongoing commitment to the City of Camden, providing exceptional resources to the community through the power of basketball and inspiring future generations.

“Today’s ribbon-cutting is a proud moment for the Sixers Youth Foundation and Camden, NJ,” said Lara Price, Philadelphia 76ers Chief Operating Officer and Sixers Youth Foundation Board Member. “This newly renovated court is more than just a place to play—it’s a symbol of our dedication to the youth of this vibrant city. By investing in these facilities, we aim to provide Camden’s young athletes with the resources and opportunities they deserve.

“Without a doubt, neighborhood parks are the cornerstone of our community,” said Mark McDonough, President of New Jersey American Water and Co-Chair of Camden Community Partnership. “At CCP, we take great pride creating and enhancing public spaces and I truly thank the Sixers Youth Foundation for providing the necessary support to transform a dated basketball court to what you see before you today. Because of their continued commitment to the City, generations of young Camden residents will learn to hone their skills right here and perhaps even become the next superstar to bring home a state championship!”

“The commitment that the Sixers Youth Foundation has to the city of Camden is immeasurable,” Commissioner Melinda Kane said. “Sports have the power to transform a young person’s life and I know that this basketball court will be greatly loved and used by this city for years to come. I want to thank the Sixers Youth Foundation for investing in this city’s young people and seeing the value in providing a top-quality space for residents to play basketball and have fun.”

In addition to the ribbon cutting ceremony, several youth members of the Camden County Police Department’s Village Initiative took part in an inaugural friendly “pick-up” basketball game on the new court.

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