December 4, 2017

Dear Friends of the PA Yellow Jackets:

The PA Yellow Jackets is a nonprofit, 501(c)3, AAU Organization to help promote Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Indiana, Jefferson and Somerset County Girls' Basketball talent. The PA Yellow Jackets help to showcase local girls' basketball players to advance them to the next level of basketball, the college level. We have players from Altoona, Bellwood, Boswell, Clymer, Duncansville, Hollidaysburg, Homer City, Portage, Punxsutawney, State College, Tyrone and Williamsburg. Would you like to help support our girls in this worthwhile endeavor?

This letter is written in request of a monetary donation to help send the girls to tournaments to showcase their talents in hope that they will catch the eyes of collegiate scouts. Last year, the girls participated in five NCAA sponsored tournaments. The tournaments were run by the USJN (United States Junior Nationals), the Blue Chip Basketball and the National Exposure Basketball organizations. All three organizations are very credible in getting college scouts to see the girls. Last year these tournaments were in Washington, D.C., Louisville, KY and Lancaster, PA. The five tournaments alone cost more than \$6,000 for our two ELITE teams. That did not include uniforms or other PA Yellow Jacket gear. This year we will be taking our ELITE team to seven tournaments, 6 NCAA certified tournaments. We will be taking our U 13 and U 14 Elite teams to 5 tournaments with 3 of the being NCAA certified tournaments. We will also be taking three elementary teams, 4th grade team, 5th/6th grade team and 6th grade team to five tournaments, a USJN tournament, a beach tournament, and three BSA tournaments, as well as playing in HoopFest in Tyrone that helps sponsor Joshua House. The Hershey tournament (USJN) costs \$650.00 for each team and the beach and BSA tournaments will cost \$350 per team per tournament.

If you are asking yourself if this is a worthwhile investment for you, the answer is yes. Your name will be placed on our website. You will also be helping numerous athletes and their families to be able to help further the education of our girls. We have had numerous girls in our six years receive full and partial scholarships to further her education and play basketball at the next level. Kaycie Reffner and Darby Lee both received full scholarships to Division I schools. McKenzie Hatch, Madison Shetrom, Kasey Engle, Alayna Biesecker, Paige Whitfield and Lauren Woomer are furthering their educations at a Division II school and Shania Feathers, Natalie Knab, Mikayla Misleany and Paige Repine are going to Division III schools.

Please consider donating to help further educate our young women by helping them receive financial aid and be able to continue to play basketball on the next level which can only help our girls become outstanding adults for the future. We will put your company logo and website link on our website. The donation levels are as follows:

Bronze: \$100 - \$150 Silver: \$151 - \$250 Gold: \$251 - \$500 Platinum: over \$500

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Please consider donating to this organization, so your local girls can go on to college and play the game they love while furthering their education and proudly representing our area.

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Sincerely,

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