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March Madness and Basketball Benevolence

Hartford Civic Center presents basketballs to local schools

HARTFORD, March 24, 2004: Eight Hartford schools are bouncing with glee today as they were presented nine basketballs each from the Hartford Civic Center, the NCAA and Wilson Sporting Goods. Hartford Civic Center Senior Vice President and General Manager Marty Brooks made the presentation to students of Naylor School, who represented all the schools receiving the balls.

“Hosting the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball East Regional is good for our community in so many different ways,” says Brooks. “A donation such as this can go a long way in helping develop the basketball stars of tomorrow.”

“We want to acknowledge the generosity of the Civic Center, NCAA and sponsors,” says June Bernabucci, Senior Director of Unified Arts for Hartford public schools. “I can assure you the balls will be put to good use and we appreciate the thoughtfulness and interest of the donors in girls and women’s basketball programming at elementary and middle school levels.”

The schools receiving the balls are: Bellizzi, Quirk and Fox Middle Schools and Batchelder, Burr, Kennelly, Naylor and Webster kindergarten through grade eight schools.

School children are also being invited to watch the NCAA Division 1 Women’s Basketball Team open practice on Friday, March 26. Each team participating in the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball East Regional will have a one-hour practice session starting at noon at the Civic Center. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. to the general public. Admission is free.



Hartford Civic Center Senior Vice President and General Manager Marty Brooks, Hartford Public Schools Director of Unified Arts June Bernabucci, and Naylor Elementary School Assistant Principal Susan Reynolds with Naylor students today at the Hartford Civic Center.

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