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FORMER NBA PLAYER JASON THOMPSON GIVES BACK TO THE MOUNT LAUREL COMMUNITY

Mount Laurel, NJ --- A new basketball court is coming to Laurel Acres Park, courtesy of former basketball star Jason Thompson and The Jason Thompson Foundation. Laurel Acres Park, located at 1045 S Church Street, provides families with pedestrian hiking and nature trails, a dog run, picnic tables, and play areas for children. As a Mount Laurel native, opening the new basketball court will allow Thompson to further his community efforts in his hometown. Construction has started on the new court and will continue for the next 2- 4 weeks.

“I grew up playing sports on the fields of Laurel Acres Park. It is popular with Mount Laurel residents, and residents from surrounding towns come to enjoy the park’s many amenities,” said Jason Thompson, President & CEO of the Jason Thompson Foundation. “The addition of a full-sized basketball court will allow both children and adults the opportunity to practice and host games on an NBA-style court.”

Thompson’s passion for health and wellness spans into the mission of the Jason Thompson Foundation, founded in 2010 in honor of Thompson’s cousin Tiffany Carroll. Carroll tragically passed from heart disease at the young age of 25, and the Foundation continues to honor her memory by raising awareness about heart disease in athletes, children, and young adults.

L.I.V.E. Like JT is a community initiative created by the Jason Thompson Foundation that encourages young people to use their voices to advocate for positive changes in the world. “I want kids to have a voice and learn that all things are possible with hard work and dedication,”

stated Thompson. The Foundation holds several events for those in need throughout the year, including Thanksgiving food drives and Christmas shopping sprees at Target.

The L.I.V.E Like JT Fourth Annual Bike Giveaway was held in Laurel Acres Park this past Saturday, May 6. Fifty children from the Boys and Girls Club of Gloucester County were given a bicycle and helmet to promote an active lifestyle. Assemblywoman Carol Murphy, Deputy Mayor Fozia Janjua, Councilman Nikitas Moustakas, and Councilwoman Karen Cohen were on hand to help distribute bikes and meet children. “We are honored to support the L.I.V.E. Like JT initiative and thank the Foundation for all their community support. These bikes give kids an opportunity to feel connected to their local communities and build a sense of pride and independence,” stated Councilman Nikitas Moustakas.

To learn more about the Jason Thompson Foundation and its upcoming programs, please visit them online at www.thejasonthompsonfoundation.com or follow them on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

