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Free Throws by Players From Richards Raise Money

The boys and girls basketball programs from Richards High School raised more than \$1,300 for the recent *Free Throws for Heroes* program.

Friends and family members pledged donations to freshman, sophomore and varsity players for each free throw made. Players stayed after practice to shoot up to 50 free throws.

Free Throws for Heroes provides financial support for families of military personnel, police officers and firefighters who lose their lives in the line of duty.

Richards coaches Tim Baker, Julie Bonk, John Chappetto, Derek Johnson, Bill Judge and Jeff Kortz organized the fund-raiser.

"I'm very proud. This was our first year participating in this great cause. Our kids recognized its significance and supported our efforts with so much enthusiasm," said Kortz, the varsity girls basketball coach.

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