



## Charity Stripe Partner Testimonials

*"We're proud to support The Charity Stripe and are very happy that our high schools have taken advantage of your charitable programs to help show kids the bigger picture of how their skills and talents can significantly help others through sports"*

**Kurt Gibson**, Associate Executive Director  
**Beth Sauser**, Assistant Executive Director  
(IHSA) Illinois High School Association

*"We are thrilled to partner with The Charity Stripe. This tremendous program provides our coaches with a cause to ensure that we teach valuable life lessons to our players beyond just winning...giving back to those less fortunate through the great sport of basketball."*

**- Chuck Rolinski**, Executive Director, Illinois Basketball Coaches Association

*"A lot of young people will have the opportunity to come together and give back to those less fortunate all through the great sport of basketball and the IBCA is very proud to be a part of such an outstanding cause"*

**- Jim Tracy**, President, Illinois Basketball Coaches Association

*"Our membership is extremely committed to high school sports in Illinois and we try to do all we can to give back to the game that has given so many of our members so much fun and success. The SBO cares greatly about high school athletics and we feel contributing to The Charity Stripe and Troops Dreams is a positive way for our members to demonstrate this commitment."*

**- Fred Allman**, SBO director

*"We were blessed to have shared this experience with you. We look forward to working with The Charity Stripe next year to provide even greater help to all our brave troops and their families who are so deserving."*

**Boys & Girls Basketball Coaches**, Reavis High School

*"It is with great pleasure and honor that Oregon HS participates in Free Throws For Heroes Events...I feel our players have a deeper appreciation for just how fortunate we are to be able to live each day under the blanket of freedom, and gain a better sense of what is really important in life."*

**Kip Crandall**, Oregon Activities Director

*"The Charity Stripe is a terrific program which allows student athletes to have an opportunity to serve others in their community. As a coach, our time is valuable as we are pulled in many directions, I greatly appreciated the small amount of time it takes to be a part of The Charity Stripe."*

**Alex Renchen**, Bradley Bourbonnais Community HS

*"The Lincoln-Way East Boys Basketball program is happy to participate in the Charity Stripe fundraiser every season. It allows our players to reach for a goal much larger than winning basketball games. The Charity Stripe is about winning the game of life. This was especially true this past season when one of our players was diagnosed with Stage 4 Lymphoma. His daily battles made the fight against cancer real and provided an added impetus for raising funds for this worthy cause. If we can all join the team to fight this disease and play our small role, we will find a cure and win the game of life. We are thankful for the opportunity to be part of the team"*

**Rich Kolimas**, Varsity Basketball Coach, Lincoln-Way East HS

*"For the past several years, Geneseo boys basketball has teamed up with The Charity Stripe. It is a great way that our players can put forth some effort to something bigger than ourselves - which is always a good practice in life."*

**Brad Storm**, Varsity Coach, Geneseo HS

*"The Charity Stripe allows our players to shoot free throws and know that they are helping other people at the same time. It is a great lesson in life for our players and some of them have really done a nice job promoting this program. Mitch Salzstein has done an outstanding job of running this program and working with the high schools."*

**Dave Weber**, Glenbrook North HS Head Basketball Coach

*"The decision to back Free Throws For Heroes was a no-brainer. Any time you devote yourself to something bigger than you, you become part of something great. We've always tried to create ways to make free throws mean something and now they really will."*

**- Bruce Firchau**, Westminster Christian High School Varsity Coach

*"I wanted to take the time to thank you for allowing us to be a part of such a great cause...and for letting us be a part of something so special."*

**- Josh Knuth**, West Carroll High School Basketball Coach

*"This is a great charity, something close to me as I have a cousin serving in the military. Thank you on behalf of military families like mine and from all of us at Anna-Jonesboro High School."*

**- Brian Matzenbacher**, Anna Jonesboro HS Head Basketball Coach

*"I try to teach my kids that basketball is more than just playing a game. It's about being a good student and a good citizen...and Free Throws For Heroes certainly reinforced this goal. Thanks for allowing us to participate."*

**Joni Bass**, Rich East Basketball Coach

*"The real story is two teams with different religious beliefs and from different cultures uniting as one common people to give back to others. There's no greater gift and we hope this will inspire other students, teams, schools and communities to participate in such a worthy endeavor."*

**Rebecca Garrett**, Athletic Director, Hinsdale Adventist Academy