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Stop the Violence Indianapolis concludes 2022-2023 team up for peace campaign with 16 Indianapolis area high school boys' basketball teams

During the 2022-2023 high school basketball season, 16 Indianapolis area teams partnered with Stop the Violence Indianapolis in an ongoing campaign that challenges young people to team up for peace and choose positive alternatives to gun violence.

The campaign invited all Indianapolis high school boys' basketball teams to promote peace through peer-to-peer engagement, and asked players to use their influence to promote violence free schools and neighborhoods.

Participating high schools:

Arsenal Tech IPS High School
Beech Grove High School
Ben Davis High School
Brebeuf Prep High School
Cardinal Ritter High School
Cathedral Prep High School
Crispus Attucks IPS High School
Charles A Tindley Prep Academy
George Washington IPS High School
Franklin Central High School
Irvington Prep High School
KIPP Legacy High School
North Central High School
Pike High School
Purdue Polytechnic High School Englewood
Shortridge IPS High School
Warren Central High School

All participating high school teams wore warm up jerseys throughout the season that promoted the #teamupforpeace tagline. The jerseys were sponsored by Hoosiers For Good, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that partners charitable organizations with IU student athletes who then use their platforms to amplify the work of their charitable partner. IU basketball players Trayce Jackson-Davis and Race Thompson are currently partnered with Stop the Violence Indianapolis through Hoosiers For Good and helped kick off the campaign in August of 2022.

At an event in August, Jackson-Davis and Thompson engaged in a conversation with the high school basketball teams around gun violence and using their voices to help promote peaceful resolutions.

“Everyone’s voice is important and influential,” said Jackson-Davis. “It’s always been important for me to speak up and use my voice for good and for causes that I care about. It was a privilege to be a part of the event with Stop the Violence Indianapolis.”

During the event, the basketball players had the opportunity to ask Jackson-Davis and Thompson questions about their own journeys and decision-making, and work together to strategize on peaceful resolutions to gun violence.

“It was really impactful to speak to the players about my own experiences and the decisions I made to make it to where I am today,” said Thompson. “It just takes one person to speak up and bring others alongside them.”

The #teamupforpeace campaign will continue after the basketball season with new Hoosiers For Good athletes Cam Camper and Joshua Sales. Camper and Sales were recently announced as new partners with Stop the Violence Indianapolis.

About Stop the Violence Indianapolis

Stop the Violence Indianapolis is a catalyst for social change – empowering people to take action with the greater Indianapolis area to ensure safety, justice, accountability and healing for people whose lives are affected by violence and poverty. With Prevention, Intervention, Retention and Recovery we can establish a higher standard in the lives of the greater Indianapolis population and save lives.

Stop the Violence Indianapolis was created with the purpose of assisting others through education and a broader awareness of positive alternatives with the programs that we offer to reduce gun violence, gang violence, and domestic violence within the city of Indianapolis.

About Hoosiers For Good

The mission of Hoosiers For Good is to raise awareness for charitable causes throughout Indiana—by partnering local charities with community-minded IU student athletes who choose to use their platform and influence to amplify the philanthropic work that helps our community thrive. For more information, visit www.HoosiersForGood.org.