

Viking Basketball Team Attends MLK Tournament



Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) sent 11 players to Statesville to participate in the 16th Annual Martin Luther King Southeast Regional Council (SERC) Basketball Challenge tournament during the weekend of January 12th and 13th. Teams from Statesville; Huntsville, Alabama; Winston Salem and Asheboro competed in the event that was held at the Boys and Girls Club of the Piedmont.

The Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) basketball team consists of 11 players, all residents of public housing or GHA's Housing Choice Voucher program. The team played four games and won one during the tournament and Christopher Parson represented GHA in a three-

point contest, which was held as part of the weekend event.

In addition to tournament play, the weekend included coaches' meetings, an opening ceremony, a banquet and an awards ceremony. A night with the Bobcats on Saturday gave the attendees the opportunity to enjoy an evening in Charlotte and to watch a Bobcats' game.

"This has been a great opportunity to work with some very talented boys." says first-year head coach Josh Webster, "Every practice these guys work hard for Vikings basketball and I am proud to be head coach of such."

To participate in the basketball program, players must be enrolled in school or an approved GED program, must maintain a "C" average or be enrolled in a tutorial program, and must participate in educational activities. GHA's Vikings are coached by Josh Webster, head coach, and assistant coaches Nate Robinson and Eddie Ross. All coaches are GHA employees who volunteer their time to work with the youth.