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Junior Wheelchair Basketball Teams to Score Locally

North Olmsted Senior brings team to his home court Sunday, December 18th

(Strongsville, Ohio) December 6, 2011 – Kyle Masterson, wheelchair basketball player and senior at North Olmsted High School, will be playing in his home high school gymnasium next month as the Achievement Centers for Children’s Junior Wheelchair Cavaliers Basketball team takes on the Junior Wheelchair Sterling Heights (Detroit) Challengers in a double-header Sunday, December 18, 2011. Game #1 will be tipping off at 10:00 a.m., with Game #2 set to start between 11:30-12:00 noon. Playing at his own high school gymnasium makes this is a special game for Kyle since his team travels to play teams from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. For Kyle, who will be graduating in June, this will be his last chance to play for his local supporters. For those that come out to cheer Kyle and his team mates on, they will see extraordinary athletes playing with unrivaled passion, strength and courage. Tickets are \$3.00, with children under the age of 10 free. Proceeds from ticket and concession sales will help defer the costs of tournament fees and travel expenses for the team.

The Achievement Centers’ Junior Wheelchair Cavaliers Basketball team, with generous support from the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, became the first such junior team in the state of Ohio in 2010. The sport is governed by the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA). This association is comprised of over 200 wheelchair basketball teams within twenty-two conferences. The team consists of 7-12 co-ed school-aged youth with physical disabilities. The Adapted Sports program, in addition to the Junior Wheelchair Cavaliers, includes Adapted Football, baseball, and aquatics for children and young adults with a broad range of cognitive/developmental and physical disabilities.

The Achievement Centers for Children is a Cleveland area nonprofit organization whose mission is to enable and empower children with disabilities and their families to grow, learn, play and prepare for lifelong achievement in society. Comprehensive high-quality, cost-effective services and programs are offered in the areas of therapy services, family support, education, autism services, recreation and sports. Facilities are located in Highland Hills, Westlake and Camp Cheerful in Strongsville, Ohio. For more information about the sports program or other services offered at Achievement Centers for Children, visit www.achievementcenters.org or call 216-292-9700.

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