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Flames Basketball Benefit Raises Almost \$2,500

NASHVILLE, TN—The Free Will Baptist Bible College Flames hosted a December 7 benefit basketball game to raise funds for Matt and Amanda Dunlap, FWBBC alumni who lost all their belongings except for a few photographs in a December 5 house fire, according to FWBBC men's basketball coach Nathan Willhite. The event raised \$2,482 for the Dunlaps.

Coach Willhite said, "It turned out to be a great evening. I'm glad we could help a family in need. Matt Dunlap and I have been friends since our college days at FWBBC, and Amanda and I grew up together. Their lives reflect the type of students FWBBC is proud to graduate. This was an opportunity for the college community to express support and appreciation for the Dunlaps and their ongoing ministries."

Due to a facilities conflict at nearby Pleasant View Christian School where Matt Dunlap serves as athletic director and men's basketball coach, the December 7 game between PVCS and Aaron Academy had already been moved to Picirilli Activities Building on the FWBBC campus. With assistance from PVCS athletic department personnel, Willhite organized the benefit evening.

The FWBBC men's basketball team sold admission tickets and concessions. Coach Willhite's father grilled burgers, and the game officials (Bill Harris, Jeff Keith, Sam Young, and Tim Arrington) donated their services. FWBBC students, faculty, and staff pitched in with their time and money. All gate and concession proceeds for the event went to the Dunlaps.

Matt Dunlap graduated from FWBBC in 2007. His wife Amanda, who works at Next Door (an organization that helps women in times of crisis), graduated in 2005.