



## **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Reach Out and Read Basketball Tournament at Germantown Friends School (GFS)**

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. On a warm October day over 200 people gathered at GFS for an exciting event that combined passions for basketball and literacy promotion. The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Reach Out and Read Basketball Tournament was the largest event, yet. Participants included players, referees, score keepers, volunteers, and spectators. Most players hailed from the Germantown Friends and larger Philadelphia communities, but there were players from as far away as Delaware, Washington DC, and Pittsburgh. There were 16 teams and 160 players who ranged in age from 15 to 72 years old who participated in 5 on 5 games in a round-robin format in NBA (young) and ABA (old) divisions. The games were spirited as everyone vied for the championship and bragging rights that come along with it. **Doc's Guys** were crowned the champions of the NBA division, and **Chad's Hoppers** won the ABA division.

There were also over 30 sponsors that included: The Goldenberg Group, Fox Rothschild LLP, 3 Springs Water, DispenseDoc, Rodman Properties, ReMax, RenovoMed, PNC Bank, Dell Technologies, Deke's BBQ, as well as Yards Brewing Company. Over 125 individual donors donated this year as well. Please check out pictures at the following link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/5sdwckYYaUCCKnjD6>

We have raised \$135,000 so far that will help us purchase over 50,000 books for children in North Philadelphia! We are still collecting final donations and sponsors, so you can still make a tax-deductible donation to **Drexel University** using the following link: [www.drexel.edu/GiveToStChrisReachOutAndRead](http://www.drexel.edu/GiveToStChrisReachOutAndRead).

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Cheers!

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Reach Out and Read at St. Chris Basketball Tournament Planning Committee

**SAVE THE DATE: The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Reach Out and Read Basketball Tournament on  
Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**