

## Provider Spotlight

# Hoops for Hope



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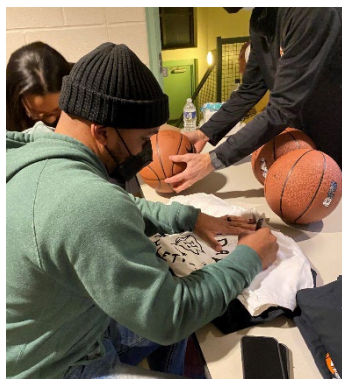
The Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services (DBHIDS) Housing and Homeless Unit is excited to highlight Hoops 4 Hope (H4H), a nonprofit organization that utilizes basketball to engage and empower individuals experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia.

On Friday, Nov. 19, H4H hosted its first in-person basketball event since the quarantine. The following Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services sites participated: SELF Inc., Outley House, Station House, Bethesda Project's Our Brother's Place, Resources for Human Development's Kailo Haven, Fernwood West, and the Urban Affairs Coalition's Center for Hope. H4H also welcomed DBHIDS Journey of Hope sites

Miracles in Progress and New Start as new participants this year. Over 50 individuals were in attendance for the event which also included special guests Miss Universe, Nikki Johnson-Huston, and former [NBA star Jameer Nelson](#).



Ms. Pennsylvania Universe 2021 Nikki Johnson-Huston and H4H Board Member Tim Horan



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During this event participants, community members, partner agency staff, and H4H team members listened to Jameer Nelson share a motivational speech about his career and answer questions. During the games, Jameer signed autographs to anyone who asked. The event was busy with around 25 to 30 H4H participants participating in a full court basketball game following a knockout tournament.

In addition to pizza and raffle prizes, the H4H participants and attendees were able to share company with Miss Universe, a frequent attendee of H4H events. This is just one of many community events H4H hopes to have in the future!

H4H plans to begin the 2022 season this Spring.

For more information go to [Hoops4HopePhilly.com](https://Hoops4HopePhilly.com).



H4H Staff Leo Porth officiating the games