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# Philadelphia 76ers Honor Atlantic City Recreation Division for Community Work

**Atlantic City, N.J. (February 6, 2025)** – Before tipoff of Tuesday night’s game at the Wells Fargo Center, the Philadelphia 76ers honored the City of Atlantic City Recreation division at center court for all the positive work they do for the Atlantic City community. As part of those efforts, Atlantic City Recreation has brought local kids to more than a dozen 76ers games in recent years, including Tuesday’s home game against the Dallas Mavericks. The 76ers reached out saying they wanted to do something special for Atlantic City Recreation to show their appreciation. Accepting the honor on Atlantic City Recreation’s behalf were Director Mike Griffin, Assistant Director Eric Rembert, Director of the City of Atlantic City’s Health and Human Services Department Jarrod Barnes and Atlantic City 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman George “Animal” Crouch.

“Atlantic City Recreation strives to provide unique recreational opportunities for our youth, which turns into experiences, and ends up as memories that will last a lifetime,” said Griffin. “We don’t do what we do to be in the spotlight, but we are more than grateful an organization like the 76ers took the time to recognize our division for our hard work and dedication to our community.”

“When I decided to rebuild our Recreation division after becoming mayor, it’s moments like this that served as my motivation,” said City of Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small, Sr. “It’s all about giving our youth opportunities they may not have otherwise had, and I am so proud of everything Atlantic City Recreation has accomplished. It’s nice to see a fine professional organization like the 76ers recognize our efforts to better Atlantic City are paying off.”

Joining the Atlantic City Recreation division for this game were 20 players on the Atlantic City Viking's high school boys and girls basketball teams. They got to spend some time with Maverick's player Naji Marshall, an Atlantic City native. Two Recreation employees were also recognized individually: Sakiyah Quick (2024 Recreation Full-Time Staff Member of the Year) and Efrain Morales (2024 Recreation Part-Time Staff Member of the Year).

Among the many programs Atlantic City Recreation offers is Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA, which is in partnership with the 76ers.

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