

Press Release

Detroit Piston's Andre Drummond up for Seasonlong NBA Cares Community Assist Award
Winning fan votes could mean \$25,000 for his hometown YMCA.

May 9, 2016- Today it was announced Piston's center, Andre Drummond has been named a finalist for the 2015-16 Seasonlong NBA Cares Community Assist Award, presented by Kaiser Permanente. The NBA Cares Community Assist Award is one that recognizes philanthropic and charitable efforts of players throughout the season. Andre was the recipient of the February 2016 award in recognition of his continuous efforts to make a difference in the community.

"Andre has remained committed to the youth in our community. Andre's Allstars has served a critical need in our community: providing youth with a positive, safe place to exercise and socialize with their peers under the guidance of positive role models. We are so grateful for the opportunity to expand our reach and depth of teen programming and we thank Andre for his ongoing support," said Ben Silliman, Youth & Camp Ingersoll Director, Middlesex YMCA.

Drummond's previous donations of \$10,000 to the Middlesex YMCA has funded Andre's Allstars. The program is open to youth over the age of 12 and currently provides support to over 30 participants. All participants receive a complimentary membership, academic support with tutoring sessions on Tuesday evenings through a partnership with Wesleyan University Volunteer Tutors. The funding has also provided opportunity for additional programming such as basketball skill clinics and S.T.O.R.M.Y Nights (Spend Time Out Relaxing at the Middlesex Y).

Winning the Seasonlong NBA Cares Community Assist Award could mean \$25,000 for the Middlesex YMCA, Andre's charity of choice. The winner will be chosen by fan votes and a panel of NBA judges. To vote for Andre, fans can post on social media using the hashtags #NBACommunityAssit and #AndreDrummond. Voting for the Seasonlong NBA Cares Community Assist Award is open through 11:59pm EST on Wednesday, May 18.

The Northern Middlesex YMCA is a non-profit organization founded in 1886. The organization currently serves tens of thousands in Middlesex County through various programs that encourage youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. A strong community relationship has made it possible for the Northern Middlesex Y to have a significant reach and provide quality service to all regardless of race, creed, gender, sexual orientation or financial status.

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