



Friends & Supporters of Liberian Basketball, Inc.

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Basketball star, Mohammed Jabateh, center forward for the NPA Pythons, returned from Johannesburg, South Africa on September 8, 2008, where he attended the Basketball Without Borders Camp sponsored by the National Basketball Association (NBA). This opportunity became available to Jabateh after a group of Liberians in the United States, Friends and Supporters of Liberian Basketball (FSLB), met with the NBA to seek their support and assistance with the basketball programs in Liberia. Among the items NBA agreed to provide was the opportunity for one of Liberia's male players to attend their camp in South Africa in September. A number of star athletes were evaluated by a diverse team comprised of LBF officials, coaches, referees and members of the press and because of his athleticism and character, Jabateh was selected. It is the hope of the organization that the opportunity made available to Jabateh will open up many more doors for other youths in Liberia.

FSLB, is a volunteer organization comprised of former male and female players and supporters in the Diaspora who have committed themselves to giving back to the youth in their home country, Liberia by promoting and supporting the development of basketball. FSLB's goal is to enrich the lives of Liberians by providing opportunities for personal growth and development of athletes through educational and athletic endeavors.

The Chairman of FSLB, Mr. Anthony Fannoh, former National Team superstar, stated that the organization has hosted a series of fundraisers in the U.S. and intend to purchase equipment needed to help further the programs in Liberia. FSLB also hopes to provide exposure for the Liberian athletes which may open up doors for them for educational and athletic opportunities abroad. FSLB has established a collaborative relationship with the Liberian Basketball Federation (LBF) and Ministry of Youth and Sports and will be working with them to see what can be done on an ongoing basis to help their fellow Liberians. Among other things, FLSB has made arrangements with the NBA to provide Liberia with training materials to assist the coaches as they develop the untapped talent in Liberia. FSLB Vice-Chair, Dawn Richards Tolbert indicated that the organization wants to assure the female basketball players that FSLB has not forgotten about them and indicated that the young ladies are also included in all the plans they have for the youth.

FSLB wishes to congratulate Mr. Jabateh on his selection and is pleased to hear that he represented Liberia well. The organization hopes to have him share his knowledge acquired at the camp with his fellow players in Liberia. For further information on what FSLB is doing, visit its website www.fslb.org.

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