



## **Friends & Supporters of Liberian Basketball, Inc.**

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**Friends and Supporters of Liberian Basketball, Inc. (FSLB, Inc.) and the Liberia Basketball Federation (LBF) have officially entered into a pact which will be the enable FSLB to pursue unlimited opportunities to aid with the basketball programs in Liberia. The two groups have been engaged in discussions over the past few years to see how the organization can best help the LBF accomplish its goals. At recent meetings held Monrovia in February, 2009, representatives from FSLB, LBF, Ministry of Youth and Sports, The Liberian National Olympic Committee, The Interschool Sports Association, The Referees Association, Old Timer's, and others, were able to come to an agreement regarding formalizing the relationship between the two parties and on February 26, 2009, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between FSLB and LBF.**

**FSLB, Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer basketball organization comprised primarily of former players and supporters in the Diaspora who have come together to promote and support the evolution and sustainable development of Basketball in Liberia - both nationally and internationally. To date, FSLB has been instrumental in getting the NBA to sponsor Mohammed Jabateh's trip to the Basketball Without Borders Camp in South Africa, the organization has aided the group SportsPower with arrangements to travel to Liberia in March to conduct workshops, clinics and speak to the youth and FSLB has also obtained donations from the NBA which will be shipped to Liberia. Presently, FSLB is working with the Liberian Renaissance Foundation (founder, Dr. Dawn Barnes) to help identify Liberian youth with athletic and academic talents who may qualify for scholarships to attend private boarding school in New York. FSLB is excited about the opportunity to give back to Liberia, particularly as it relates to basketball and helping to empower our youth, who are the future of Liberia.**

**The signing of the MOU marks a big milestone as it will open up many doors which will enable FSLB to assist the LBF. FSLB will be hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fundraiser and Tournament in Maryland on the weekend of July 10-12, 2009. This event will be a great opportunity for interested parties to learn more about how they can contribute to the cause. For further information, visit [www.folbf.org](http://www.folbf.org).**

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