



The Depot – 8th Annual – Crossroads Shootout Donates \$4,000 to Mariah’s Challenge

The Depot – 8th Annual – Crossroads Shootout - 4 on 4 Full Court Basketball tournament drew a total of 38 teams, 23 which were from out of town. In eight years the tournament has fielded a total of three hundred and ninety eight teams.

The tournament committee made a donation in the amount of \$4,000 to Mariah’s Challenge bringing the total amount to \$29,000 donated in 8 years. Tournament director Mike Bauer noted there were around 100 players that played that had college playing experience. There were also thirty referees from out of town and Butte who volunteered their time and 130 business sponsors along with many other volunteer score keepers and helpers.

Bauer also noted the number of teams was down from years past, but that was because they put a limit on the number of teams that could register per division. Men’s Open – 8 teams, Women’s Open – 8 teams, Men’s B – 16 teams, Coed – 6

Leo McCarthy, founder of Mariah's Challenge, the Butte scholarship foundation that has received a portion of the proceeds from the tournament was grateful when told of this year's donation. Since 2008, Mariah's Challenge has provided \$232,000 in scholarships to Butte area seniors who graduate alcohol-free and never get in a car with a driver who has been drinking.

Leo McCarthy had this to say. “Once again The Depot Crossroads Shootout volunteer staff show what “Butte Tough” is. Each year the tremendous efforts of the teams and their sponsors combined with Butte’s local business showcase what Mariah’s Challenge Scholarship is all about. Character, Integrity and Honesty. Butte Crossroads Shoot Out and Butte are committed to helping our youth to grow old by helping them in making good, healthy decisions and to be successful in their future endeavors.”

Bauer noted that the date for the 9th Annual event hasn’t been set yet, but should be set by August 1st, 2015.