

“Coach Bubba Griggs Can Count on Me Campaign”

(By: Calvin Ward)

This campaign is designed to assist Coach Griggs in raising funds as we stand with him in the fight against colon cancer. The campaign encompasses 4 key elements as listed below all being pointed toward our basketball tournament date of Saturday, July 16, 2016:

1. GoFundMe Page
2. Raffle Fundraiser
3. T-Shirt Fundraiser
4. Basketball Tournament Fundraiser

There are so many people that I would like to thank for helping my vision for this endeavor that I simply can't list them all. However, a special thanks to Brazosport Boys Coach Ondre Waddy for his efforts in making the tournament a reality. There were also so many mutually known AAU coaches who have called me to check up on Coach Griggs and to see how they can help it is simply touching. Coaches such as Coach Melvin Holloway (Houston United), Coach Stephen Hayes (Team Kemistry), and Coach Martin Rogers (Total Package) checked in to see how Coach was doing. An additional thanks to Coach Holloway for committing his Houston United 14U boys team to the tournament. Houston United is one of the top 14U teams in Houston.

On a personal level, there are so many stories that I could tell you about Coach Griggs and I growing up in the Cedar Lane but for now will reserve that for a later time. I will say that why growing up in the wonderful town of Cedar Lane neither of us thought that someday our world would later revolve extensively around AAU basketball and traveling the United States to seek the highest level of competition. However, it is thru this travel that we have met so many outstanding and caring people as well as developed a lifetime of friendships.

Reflecting back to early 2001 and after I had coached for several years in TAAF in Lake Jackson, I decided that I wanted to adventure into AAU basketball. The very first person I contacted was Coach Griggs and I told him that I needed some help. He immediately said he was in despite at that time his oldest son DJ was too young to play. We decided that we would name our team “No Fear” - hence for many of you basketball junkies that is where the initial name started. We had some real good kids on our initial team of which some players who went on to play major college athletics. One kid who was on our initial team was MJ white and another kid who came along later on one of Coach Griggs No Fear team was Quandre Diggs. They will be mentioned later due to their special generosity.

1. GoFundMe Page

A GoFundMe Page has been established for Coach Griggs. It is at www.gofundme.com/bubbagriggs. This is perhaps the easiest way for you to directly contribute to Coach Griggs cause. Please feel free to share this with your family, friends, and co-workers, or even strangers.

2. Raffle Fundraiser

Coach "Bubba" Griggs Can Count on Me Raffle!!!

The raffle will occur on Saturday, July 16 which will coincide with the tournament. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Our raffle coordinators are Patrice Ward and Shelly Smith. In addition, we have raffle points of contacts in certain cities. You can feel free to contact them if this is convenient for you and they will coordinate getting you your ticket. There are so many great prizes. We are still accepting donated raffle items. Please contact one of our raffle coordinators if you would like to help.

There are so many people to thank for making this raffle happen that I can't possibly list them all. You will be able to tell by some of the raffle items what people think of Coach Griggs. The parents and friends in our organization are simply the best. There are 4 young individuals that I would like to highlight who contributed. They are being singled out because I understand that their lives are hectic now and they simply could have said they were too busy to help and moved on. Neither did!!!

- **MJ White – Minnesota Vikings.** MJ was one of our very first players when we started up. When Coach Griggs and I first started the No Fear team, we had a tryout at the Lake Jackson Rec Center. Right after the tryouts Coach Griggs came to me and said hey there is this kid from Freeport named MJ who wasn't at tryouts, we have to get him. He is good people. Coach Griggs is one of the very few people in my life that can have my ear and I don't question him. It looks like that was a good decision.

-**Quandre Diggs – Detroit Lions.** Q is family so had no doubt he would step up to the plate. Q came along later on one of Coach Griggs No Fear teams and played for Coach Griggs all the way up until he started just focusing on football. Q is one of those kids that Coach Griggs always spoke the world of and treated him just like he was his own son.

-**Da'Norris Searcy – Tennessee Titans.** Unfortunately for Da'Norris he didn't get to play for No Fear. Fortunately for us, his wife Kennetra is from West Columbia and played under the girls umbrella for the OTCYBC Shot Callers. The Searcy's didn't hesitate to help.

-**Jhasmin Player – Sleza Wroclaw.** Jhasmin plays pro basketball overseas and sometimes trains with Coach Griggs. She was a superstar basketball player at both Bay City High School and Baylor University. Jhasmin didn't hesitate to help. Coach Griggs

Current listing of Raffle Items

1. Autographed NFL Football (Da’Norris Searcy – Tennessee Titans)
2. Autographed NFL Football (Quandre Diggs – Detroit Lions)
3. Autographed NFL Football (Melvin “MJ” White – Minnesota Vikings)
4. Autographed NFL Jersey (Haywood Jeffries – donated by Travis Chatman)
5. Autographed Pro Women’s Basketball (Jhasmin Player – Sleza Wroclaw)
6. 50” Television (John & Tammie Booze)
7. Gas Stackable Washer & Dryer (Randy & April Roberts)
8. Double Fry Cooker with cooking utensils (Pastor Marcus & Yolanda Lincoln)
9. IPAD (Calvin, Patrice, & Alton Ward)
10. Microwave (Melvin & Lenette Bell)
11. Keurig (Alvin & Trina Stredic)
12. Yeti Cooler (Gary & Terra Woodard)
13. Fishing Equipment – Rod and Reel (Jeff & Regina Jackson)
14. \$100 Gift Card (Jamesse Kesee)
15. \$50 Gift Card (Nuh & JJ Abdullah)
16. 1 Year Tournament Pass for 2 for All OTCYBC and MAYB affiliated tournaments (Calvin & Patrice Ward)

Raffle Coordinator		Patrice Ward	979-417-3728
Raffle Coordinator		Shelly Smith	832-473-0909
Obs	Location	Contact	Phone #
1	Angleton	Sharon Austin	979-215-7029
2	Bay City/Van Vleck	Trina Stredic	979-709-1042
3	Brazoria	Rita Edgar	979-481-3661
4	Cedar Lane/Cedar Lake	Dale Griggs	979-240-4745
5	Clute/Lake Jackson	Rose Ward	979-236-1792
6	Clute/Lake Jackson	Tammie Booze	979-417-8641
7	Danbury	April Roberts	713-423-4671
8	Freeport	Lenette Bell	979-329-0952
9	Manvel/Pearland	Trina Williams-Mouton	713-492-1538
10	Sweeny	Yvette Jammer	979-235-0198
11	Sweeny	Gary Woodard	979-236-0861
12	West Columbia	Jamesse Kesee	979-417-6929

3. T-shirts

T-shirts for Coach Griggs are designed to lead up to the tournament. The t-shirt is a customized designed t-shirt specifically designed with 4 keep "quotes" commonly used when Coach Griggs train. They have a very very special meaning (especially one of them). If you purchase a shirt, you can ask us to reveal the code. T-shirts are \$20 each or you can get it in a dri fit for \$25. Any size. Please inbox me to order your shirt.



4. Tournament

Coach Griggs was a long-time assistant coach for Coach Waddy at Brazosport.

The cost is \$125 for a 3 game guarantee. Please call me at 979-417-3721 should you like to register your team.

Coach Griggs has helped train hundreds and hundreds of kids in basketball in Texas as well as outside of Texas. I recall kids driving from Galveston, College Station, North Houston, etc. to Freeport just to get some special basketball training from Coach Griggs – the kind of training you can't get anywhere in the world. I have seen parents and players who have worked out with Coach Griggs conveniently forget to pay him yet show up time and time again and Coach Griggs never turn them away. **One day I asked Coach Griggs why he doesn't say anything and he said "because I don't want to miss any of my blessings"**. That was such a powerful statement and has always stuck with me.

Coach "Bubba" Griggs Can Count on Me!!!!



**Boys
&
Girls
Grades
3
thru
12**

**3
Games
\$125**

"Shoot Out Colon Cancer Tournament"
Saturday, July 16, 2016 (1-Day Basketball Tournament)
Call Calvin Ward at (979) 417-3721
Raffle includes autographed footballs from
Da'Norris Searcy - Tennessee Titans, "MJ" White - Minnesota Vikings, Quandre Diggs - Detroit Lions
and many other great prizes

Now it's our time for us to give back to show Coach Bubba Griggs that he Can Count on Us!!!