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### **HALO Hosts Inaugural 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament to Benefit At-Risk Youth**

**Jefferson City, MO** — HALO is hosting the first annual HALO HEAT 3 versus 3 Tourney on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> in downtown Jefferson City at Central Bank’s Financial Center on Miller St. This event supports HALO HEAT, which is a new boys AAU Basketball Team that provides structure, teamwork and camaraderie for at-risk youth attending the HALO Boys Program.

“By relying on each other to accomplish their goals on the court, the young men of HALO HEAT learn lessons for the rest of their lives,” said HALO Founder and CEO Rebecca Welsh, a Jefferson City native. “Often, they’ve experienced abuse, neglect and homelessness. HALO HEAT is their team, where they come together to succeed. It’s a remarkable program that creates real results for their self-esteem and overall direction in life. The 3 on 3 Tourney will support HALO HEAT so our kids can participate.”

The Tournament is open to any team, ages 14 and older. The event includes a special half time shootout, a “grudge” match between Central Bank and Jefferson Bank teams, prizes and entertainment. Individuals and businesses are encouraged to put a team together. Participants can also simply fundraise for HALO HEAT or donate without participating in the tournament. To sign up or find more information, visit [haloworldwide.org/HEAT](http://haloworldwide.org/HEAT). Proceeds benefit homeless and at-risk youth in need, which includes HALO HEAT.

#### ***ABOUT HALO:***

HALO believes every child should have the foundation of a family. Since 2005, HALO has provided love in the form of housing, healing and education to heal homeless and at-risk children. Featured in the Moroccan oil INSPIRED film series, “American Spirit” of CBS Evening News, “Heroes Among Us” and “25 Women Changing the World” of PEOPLE magazine, “The Today Show,” and Variety Magazine, HALO serves thousands of children each year and supports 21 homes and programs around the globe. HALO has Learning Centers and Housing programs in Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and art programming in New York and Portland. HALO also supports orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico and India. Learn how Love Heals at HALO and help one more child spend one less day alone at [haloworldwide.org](http://haloworldwide.org).

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