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Embry-Riddle Basketball Partners with Food Brings Hope and WNBA President Donna Orender

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -- The Embry-Riddle athletic department will host approximately 200 elementary and middle school aged children at the Eagles basketball game on Jan. 22 as part of the Food Brings Hope initiative. The evening will include pizza and a presentation by Donna Orender, President of the Women's National Basketball Association.

Food Brings Hope is an initiative founded by a visionary in the Daytona Beach community. Forough B. Hosseini, chairperson of this initiative, is a local businesswoman who is dedicated to fulfilling her dream that all school-age children in the local community should be free from hunger.

Food Brings Hope is supported by a donor-advised fund committed to helping break the poverty cycle for homeless and economically disadvantaged children enrolled in Volusia County schools. The program achieves collaborative solutions for families with children that experience hunger due to homelessness, poverty, or unfamiliarity with community resources that provide nutritional assistance. They work closely with caring partners in the school district, social service agencies, and other friends who provide us with the benefit of their time and/or contributions.

Some of the initiatives are programs operating in Ormond Beach at Hinson Middle and Osceola Elementary; in Daytona Beach at Campbell Middle and Westside Elementary; and in New Smyrna Beach at New Smyrna Beach Middle. These are school-based programs that provide hundreds of at-risk students with meals, within the structure of a tutoring atmosphere and activities program.