

**Who:** Hope Through Education (H.T.E)  
**What:** Kids “basketball-camp”  
**Where:** Oak Grove school, Murrieta, CA  
**When:** Event held Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2013, 9-11 am.

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The “Mighty Oaks” from Oak Grove-Murrieta bounced their way into the newly built gymnasium to participate in a action packed basketball clinic held on the Friday before Thanksgiving. Non profit Christian based organization Hope Through Education (H.T.E.) lead the charge hosting their first ever sporting event held for interested Junior High & High schoolers. The kids enjoyed a morning of basketball fundamentals, teamwork, and healthy athletic / fun competition. More importantly however, the kids all gained the knowledge that the friendly H.T.E. volunteers were excited to be with them and very willing to spend quality time both on and off the court. H.T.E. by the way is no stranger to Oak Grove, having previously hosted a recent horse camp, performed prior campus landscaping, and several years ago helped remodel & paint beautiful wall murals in four of the schools dorm rooms.

H.T.E. Vice-President John Fratzke led the way for the 2-1/2 hour clinic along with several key H.T.E. member volunteers. John stated afterward “I perceived the kids were fully engaged in the activities & very appreciative of us hosting this exciting outing.” Other volunteers assisted in making the event run smooth allowing everyone to personally interface with each another both individually and as a group. The “Mighty Oaks” as their officially school motto implies, also seemed to enjoy the experience. All in all a total of 17 hoopsters participated in the morning indoor activities. This activity qualified for the needed physical education state requirement too. One youngster questioned John as to when we would be returning for another round.

Long time H.T.E. member Paul Wojtkowski assisted in stretching and calisthenics, ball handling, passing, and shooting drills in the impressive gymnasium. Paul commented “I was pretty expended after all the non stop action. The kids were wonderful and gave me a good workout !” Both John & Paul share a love for the game of basketball and wanted to impart their knowledge to the already talented youths. They kids learned new techniques, some of which already possessed a solid skill-set from previous training. The school basketball coach was in attendance along with several school coordinators. Volunteer Jonathan Hefferlin added a personal touch ministering to the children with one-on-one encouragement while Steve Key provided action photography. Dave & Judy Ward brought some much needed refreshments and care.

**Our Vision** ~ *Invest in peoples lives with education and sustaining projects for a brighter tomorrow !*

**Our Mission** ~ *Provide education and basic necessities for the betterment of humanity.*

**Hope Through Education** ~ Check out our website for more info/photos [www.hopethroughedu.org](http://www.hopethroughedu.org).



Oak Grove school is a nonprofit 24-hour residential, educational, and therapeutic treatment center that serves 76 on campus kids as well as 90 – 100 day students who attend our nonpublic school. Our main campus & residential center is located in Murrieta, while our 2<sup>nd</sup> campus, Oak Grove at the Ranch, located in Perris and serves an additional 50 students. Children are admitted to our programs with a variety of psychological, social, emotional, behavioral, medical and neurological problems along with concurrent behavioral difficulties, school problems, family dysfunction and alcohol or substance abuse. Many children have suffered physical, sexual, or other traumas or have experienced many other severe social, emotional or behavioral challenges. Oak Grove’s vision is to rebuild lives of at-risk children & their families through educating, healing, restoring relationships, building character & instilling hope. Thomas Baldwin, school coordinators, and the “Mighty Oaks” B.B. coach all assisted in the day.







































