



**Carmel Rotary Club**  
 PO Box 421  
 Carmel, New York 10512



**THE COMMUNITY BASKETBALL CHALLENGE**  
**YOUR CHANCE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION**

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Dear Friend,

The Carmel Rotary Club and the Carmel High School's Interact Club and Mentor Club are excited to announce the **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Basketball Challenge. Tipoff is Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 9 am** in the Carmel High School Gym.

We invite you to participate, as a group or an individual, to raise funds for your favorite not-for-profit organization. The organization that you designate will receive 90% of collected funds received in your name. Since 2008, the Community Basketball Challenge has raised over \$675,000 with 96 different organizations benefiting from the proceeds. The 2024 lists of Participating Organizations and Challenge Sponsors are enclosed.

Enclosed is the information you need to take part in this easy fund raising event:

**Pledge Form:** Give to anyone who will shoot baskets for your designated organization and they solicit donations to support their participation in the event. This form can also be used by you to signup people to support you if you're shooting basketballs to raise funds. The back of the form also provides more important event participation information. Make as many copies as you need.

**Participant Registration:** Each basketball shooter must register online and select a 15-minute time slot, between 9am-12pm.

**Online Basketball Challenge Fund Raising:** Is another tool available to help organizations solicit more donations.

**Don't miss out on this easy and fun fund raising opportunity.** The venue, the marketing, the event management and more are provided by us. All you need to do is get basketball shooters and/or donations to raise funds for your organization of choice, we do everything else. **Sign up today!**

For more information regarding this event or have questions, please email Carmel Rotary Club at [rotary.carmel.ny@gmail.com](mailto:rotary.carmel.ny@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.carmelrotary.org](http://www.carmelrotary.org) and click "Challenge."

*Al Lotrecchiano*

Al Lotrecchiano, Co-chair

*Mary Shanley*

Mary Shanley, Co-chair

Yes! Our group is interested in participating in the 2025 Community Basketball Challenge. Please contact us regarding the following:  Sending a team  Having a designated participant  Becoming a sponsor

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Presenting an Easy Fundraising Opportunity

## THE COMMUNITY BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

Saturday – **March 1, 2025**

9:00 am – 12 pm

CHS Gym, 30 Fair St., Carmel, NY



Sponsored by The Carmel Rotary Club, The Carmel High School Interact Club and The Carmel Mentors  
[www.carmelrotary.org](http://www.carmelrotary.org)

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Carmel Rotary Club and the Carmel High School Interact Club and the Carmel Mentors are once again sponsoring the Community Basketball Challenge. Over the past 17 years this event has raised more than **\$675,000** with 100% of the net proceeds having gone to support important programs in our community. This is an excellent opportunity to raise money for the organization or program of your choice with minimal work for you. **We handle virtually all the details.** All you need to do to raise funds is solicit pledges and/or flat donations to support your participation in the Challenge. **90% of all funds raised are directed to your charity** with the remaining 10% being designated by the Rotary Club. So mark your calendars and practice those lay-ups to help a great cause. Participation instructions are below or for additional information and forms call and leave message at or contact us at [www.carmelrotary.org](http://www.carmelrotary.org).

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## -- INSTRUCTIONS --

### WHERE AND WHEN

The Challenge will begin at 9:00 am at the Carmel High School Gym, 30 Fair Street, Carmel, NY and continue until 12 pm.

**REGISTRATION:** We are requiring all participants to sign up for a time slot to come and shoot baskets. It's simple. Sign up by going to <http://bit.ly/3Dfb5K3> And follow instructions.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** Anyone who wants to raise funds to support a not-for-profit charity.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each participant is given two minutes to shoot baskets (lay-ups). The total number of baskets made, times the pledge per basket, plus the total of flat donations equals the amount due from each sponsor. *Example: with a pledge of 20¢ per basket and 40 completed baskets, the donation will be \$8.00.*

**OR**

A person can pledge a flat amount of \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00 or more. (Flat amount pledges can be collected right away because the total is not dependent upon the number of baskets made.)

### COLLECTIONS -

The pledge form and money collected should be mailed to:

Basketball Challenge Committee  
The Carmel Rotary Club  
PO Box 421  
Carmel, NY 10512

Please make all checks payable to the Carmel Rotary Club Foundation and be sure to indicate which charity or organization is to receive the funds on the top right hand corner of the pledge sheet.

### \*\*TROPHIES AND PRIZES -

There will be a total of 14 trophies awarded in the youth division... one for the boy and one for the girl in each age grouping under the age of 18 who shoot the most baskets. Additionally there will a prize presented to the top adult participant in the 18 to 35 group, the 36 to 54 group and the 55 to 64, 65 to 74, and 75 and over group.

The age groupings are:

5 years of age and under	16-17 years of age
6 – 7 years of age	18-35 years of age
8 – 9 years of age	36-54 years of age
10-11 years of age	55 -64 years of age
12-13 years of age	65-74 years of age
14-15 years of age	75 years and over

All funds must be received in no later than April 1, 2025 to be eligible for trophies and prizes.

\*\*\* WINNERS may receive their awards at 1pm the day of the Challenge if all of their money is turned in that day.

For further information email [Rotary.carmel.ny@gmail.com](mailto:Rotary.carmel.ny@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.carmelrotary.org](http://www.carmelrotary.org) and click "Challenge".



# COMMUNITY BASKETBALL CHALLENGE Pledge Form

Saturday, March 1, 2025  
9 AM to 12 PM  
CHS Gym, 30 Fair St., Carmel, NY

ORGANIZATION TO BENEFIT FROM COLLECTED PLEDGES
ORGANIZATION'S ADDRESS



Sponsored by  
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and  
Carmel High School's  
Rotary Interact Club and Mentors Club  
[www.carmelrotary.org](http://www.carmelrotary.org)



PARTICIPANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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Certified # of Baskets

FOR OFFICIAL USE

<b>TOTAL</b>	
<b>AMOUNT TURNED IN</b>	
<b>BALANCE DUE</b>	

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Checker's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

# Rotary Club of Carmel **2025** Basketball Challenge

## Online Information and Links for Donations and Participant Signups

### **Online Participant Signups**

Sign up by going to <http://bit.ly/3Dfb5K3>

You pick the time you want to participate and come to Carmel High School Gym on Sat. March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The signups are per person, so if your organization is all coming together, have everyone sign up for their own time slot!

### **Mightycause Online**

**There are several options to donate:**

1. Simply copy the link:

<https://www.mightycause.com/event/Bball2025>

If you want to just donate... click "Donate Now" and follow instructions to put a donation on your credit card.

**or**

2. Join the Event by joining an existing Team and Click on "Join Event" and donate.

**or**

3. Create your own Team

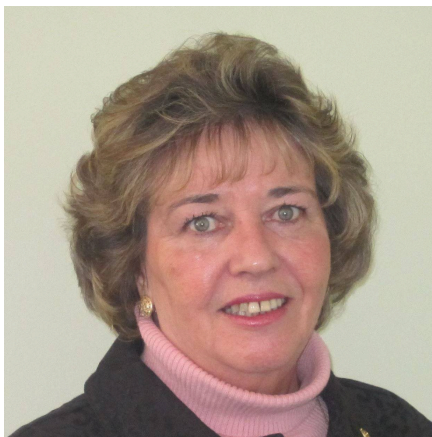
Click on "**Create A Fundraising Team**"

a. **Sign in:** if you already registered

b. **Sign up:** to create an account to start fundraising

c. Follow instructions and create your page

Start asking for donations by clicking on **Ask for Donations** and **Share** your personal page with your friends and family. It is a known fact that 97% of the people you ask will donate. What a great and easy way for your designated not for profit to receive more funds



***The 18th Annual Carmel Rotary Community Basketball Challenge will be dedicated to our beloved fellow Rotarian, the late Eileen Kane Barrett. Eileen lost her battle with cancer on November 29, 2024.***

***Eileen was a dedicated club member for over 32 years, earning the title of Rotarian of the Year and serving as our President. Her service made a significant difference in our lives and had a profound impact on our community, not only through Rotary but also through her Real Estate business and other volunteer efforts.***

***The Carmel Rotary Club will continue to honor her legacy at the Community Basketball Challenge on March 1, 2025. Eileen was a sponsor of this event and worked the event from start to finish each year. We are so grateful to have known her and miss her dearly.***

***Please join us in honoring Eileen through sponsorship, participation and attendance at the 18th Annual Carmel Rotary Basketball Challenge March 1, 2025 .***







**Carmel Rotary Club  
Extends a Special THANK YOU**



to our  
**2024 Community Basketball Challenge Sponsors**

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# Carmel Rotary Club



## 2024 Community Basketball Challenge

*The 17th Annual Basketball Challenge surpassed \$65,000 raised!!*

*The Carmel Rotary Club and Carmel High School's Interact and Mentor Clubs joined by the Business and Community Sponsors and Participants to make this year's event a great success!!!*

### Organization Participants and Beneficiaries:

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| American Cancer Society                           | Guardian Revival, Inc.                                 |
| Brewster – Carmel Garden Club                     | Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association                     |
| Brewster Chamber of Commerce                      | Happy Life Animal Rescue                               |
| Brewster Community Food Pantry                    | Keller Williams Cares                                  |
| Camp Wilbur Herrlich                              | Lake Mahopac Rotary Club                               |
| Carmel Fire Department                            | MCB Church Food Pantry                                 |
| Carmel High School Interact Club                  | Make-A-Wish  |
| Carmel High School National Honor Society         | Mental Health Association in<br>Putnam County          |
| Carmel High School Senior Class                   | My Brother Vinny                                       |
| Carmel-Kent Lions Club                            | NAMI Putnam  |
| Carmel Rotary “Bed of My Own” Project             | Pegasus Therapeutic Riding                             |
| Carmel Rotary Foundation                          | Putnam CAP   |
| Carmel Teachers Association Scholarship<br>Fund   | Putnam Community Cares                                 |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension of<br>Putnam County | Putnam County Children’s Committee                     |
| CoveCare Center                                   | Putnam Humane Society                                  |
| Daniel J. O’Brien VFW Post 1374                   | Putnam Northern Westchester Women’s<br>Resource Center |
| Friends of Karen                                  | PRPH—Putnam Recreation Programs &<br>Habilitation      |
| Friends of Child Advocacy Center                  | St. John’s Food Pantry                                 |
| Friends of the Kent Public Library                | St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital                |
| Friends of the Senior Citizen of<br>Putnam County | Second Chance Foods                                    |
| Gilead Presbyterian Church Food Pantry            | ShopRite Veterans Campaign                             |
| Greater Newburgh Rotary Club                      | White Pond Community Arts                              |

The Event Sponsor List on Reverse Side