



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

January, 2026

**2026 Community  
 Basketball Challenge  
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Dear Friend:

The Carmel Rotary Club, with the help of Carmel High School's Rotary Interact Club and Mentor Club volunteers, is excited to announce the **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Basketball Challenge**. Tipoff is **Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 9am** in the Carmel High School Gym.

We invite you to participate, as a group or as 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 its inception, the Community Basketball Challenge has raised over \$740,000 with 98 different organizations benefitting from the proceeds. The 2025 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 sign up 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.

**Online Basketball Challenge Fund Raising:** This is another tool available to help organizations solicit more donations. Just use the following link to get started <https://www.mightycause.com/event/bballchallenge2026> !

**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. **Signup 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 "Basketball Challenge."

Sincerely,

Sal Gambino, Co-chair

Mary Shanley, Co-chair



# COMMUNITY BASKETBALL CHALLENGE Pledge Form

Saturday, February 28, 2026  
9 AM to 12 PM  
CHS Gym, 30 Fair St., Carmel, NY

ORGANIZATION TO BENEFIT FROM COLLECTED PLEDGES

ORGANIZATION'S ADDRESS



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[www.carmelrotary.org](http://www.carmelrotary.org)



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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

#	NAME OF SPONSOR	ADDRESS	Flat Donation	Pledge Per Basket	No. of Baskets	TOTAL	AMOUNT COLLECTED
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Certified # of Baskets

FOR OFFICIAL USE

TOTAL

AMOUNT TURNED IN

BALANCE DUE

Checker's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Presenting an Easy Fundraising Opportunity

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### SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Carmel Rotary Club, with the help of the Carmel High School's Rotary Interact Club and School Mentor Club volunteers, is once again announcing the **Community Basketball Challenge**. This event has raised more than \$740,000 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 almost 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 Carmel Rotary Club. Mark your calendar and practice those lay-ups to help a great cause. Participation instructions are below. **For additional information and forms visit our website at [www.carmelrotary.org](http://www.carmelrotary.org) and click "Basketball Challenge" or email us at [rotary.carmel.ny@gmail.com](mailto:rotary.carmel.ny@gmail.com).**

### -- INSTRUCTIONS --

#### WHERE AND WHEN

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

**REGISTRATION:** You will checkin at the registration table. We no longer require online registration.

**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:

The Carmel Rotary Club  
Att: Basketball Challenge Chairman  
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 form.

#### \*\*TROPHIES AND PRIZES -

There will be a total of 16 trophies awarded in the youth division - one for a boy and one for a girl who shoot the most baskets and turn in all of their pledged money. Additionally, there will a prize presented to the top female and male adult participants in each of the adult divisions.

##### Youth Division:

4 and under  
5-6 years of age  
7-8 years of age  
9-10 years of age  
11-12 years of age  
13-14 years of age  
15-16 years of age  
17-18 years of age

##### Adult Division:

19-35 years of age  
36-54 years of age  
55 -64 years of age  
65-74 years of age  
75 years and over

All funds must be received in no later than April 1, 2026 to be eligible for trophies and prizes.

\*\*\* WINNERS may receive their awards at 12pm the day of the Challenge if all of their money is turned in that day.

**An Extra Benefit for Participating Organizations**

The Carmel Rotary Club invites participating nonprofit organizations to have an information exhibit table at the Community Basketball Challenge. We will provide the table and chairs for up to two people. You bring your marketing materials. We ask that you man the table for the entire time of the event (9am-12pm). Please complete below and email or return by mail. You will receive an email confirmation.

**YES!** Our group is participating in the 2026 Community Basketball Challenge and would like a table at the event.

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_