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## **Helping Tampa Bay's Youth Score Big**

A silent auction is officially underway to benefit the Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA Basketball Program. The charitable organization's program helps children and teens reach their full potential by developing skills, learning teamwork and building character through the game of basketball.

All members of the public are invited to bid on several autographed items from stars of the NBA and other major sports. Local business gift certificates are also up for auction.

Items include:

- Miami Heat Chris Bosh autographed basketball
- NBA All-Star Dwight Howard autographed Adidas shoes
- Shane Battier autographed basketball shoes
- Julius Erving "Dr. J" autographed NBA basketball
- Tampa Bay Rays autographed items by Luke Scott, Sean Rodriguez and Brandon Gomes
- Hall of Famer Dick Vitale autographed ball, book and DVD
- Derrick Rose and Luol Deng autographed NBA All-Star basketball
- David Stern, NBA Commissioner, autographed basketball
- And more!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to score some great memorabilia and help your local Y! All monies raised go to support the Tampa YMCA Basketball Program. Auction ends December 17th. To view all the items up for auction and to make a bid online go to [www.32auctions.com/tampaymca](http://www.32auctions.com/tampaymca).

More than 5,400 young people are engaged in the Tampa YMCA's year-round basketball leagues and programs. Under the direction of former NBA star Gary Brokaw, boys and girls ages 3 to 14 participate in developmental and competitive basketball programs held at nine YMCA branches throughout Hillsborough and east Pasco County.

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### **About the Y**

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is one of the area's leading nonprofits, strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 19 facilities engage more than 142,000 men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change.  
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