



**CHARLOTTE HORNETS, BANK OF AMERICA AND FAMILY DOLLAR TO PROVIDE
10,000 CARE PACKAGES FOR U.S. TROOPS IN MILITARY CARE EVENT**

Hornets Team To Help 350 Volunteers Pack Care Kits On March 8 At Time Warner Cable Arena

March 3, 2016 – The Charlotte Hornets, Bank of America and Family Dollar today announced that the organizations will partner for the third annual Military Care Event on Tuesday, March 8, at Time Warner Cable Arena. This unique community initiative features volunteers from the three organizations packing more than 10,000 care kits that will be distributed to U.S. military troops overseas through the help of the military support group Operation Gratitude. In addition to packing the kits, the organizations will also make a donation to the USO of North Carolina.

“The Hornets, Bank of America and Family Dollar share the same passion for honoring and supporting our military,” said Hornets Sports & Entertainment President & COO Fred Whitfield. “This event allows our entire organization, including our players and coaches, to show our appreciation to our troops around the world. This country remains the land of the free because of their sacrifices and bravery, so we are proud to do our small part through this event.”

Hornets players, coaches and staff will join more than 350 volunteers from Bank of America and Family Dollar, along with military members from various bases in North Carolina, to pack thousands of items to military troops serving all over the world. The packing of the items will take place Tuesday in the main lobby at Time Warner Cable Arena from 2-3 p.m.

“Bank of America has a long history of supporting our military, ranging from our commitment to hire veterans to our employees volunteering more than 40,000 hours to military service organizations last year,” said Charles Bowman, North Carolina President, Bank of America. “Given our longstanding commitment, we’re excited to partner with the Charlotte Hornets for the third annual Military Care Event. It’s important that we support our troops, as they support us each and every day.”

Along with personalized notes from players, executives and fans, the care kits will include socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste, sunscreen, soap and deodorant, among other items. All products were donated courtesy of Family Dollar and their supplier partners: Unilever, AEP Industries, Bayer, Blistex, Coca-Cola, Colgate, Procter & Gamble, EdgeWell, Fleet, Hanes, Henkel, Johnson & Johnson, Kimberly-Clark, and Pfizer Consumer Healthcare. In total, over 175,000 items will be included in the 10,000 care kits, which will then be shipped by local moving company Ballantyne & Beyond Moving in coordination with Operation Gratitude. The care kits will be delivered to U.S. troops deployed around the globe.

“We are thrilled to partner with the Charlotte Hornets once again for this incredible cause,” said Gary Philbin, President and Chief Operating Officer for Family Dollar. “We are truly grateful to the men and women serving our country, and in partnership with 14 of our generous suppliers, we are excited to show our support and appreciation through this event.”

About Hornets Sports & Entertainment

Hornets Sports & Entertainment owns the Charlotte Hornets and operates Charlotte’s Time Warner Cable Arena. The Charlotte Hornets are a member of the NBA’s Southeast Division. Owned by NBA Legend Michael Jordan, the Hornets organization strives to deliver a relentless attack on the court, an unmatched experience in the stands and a positive impact throughout the community. The name of the city’s original NBA team from 1988-2002, the Hornets moniker returned to Charlotte in May 2014, uniting the rich history of NBA basketball in the Carolinas.

Time Warner Cable Arena is the premier destination for sports and entertainment in the Carolinas, hosting over 150 sporting events, concerts and family shows annually. For more information, please visit hornets.com.

About Bank of America's Military Support

Support for the military has been an integral part of Bank of America's culture since 1920. That support permeates every aspect of the business, from hiring to philanthropy, volunteerism, and products and services for military customers. The company has a goal to hire 10,000 veterans and members of the guard and reserve over the next several years. Dedicated to helping veterans and their spouses find jobs are a military staffing team and industry-leading career website. The company's Military Support and Assistance Group connects employees who have served in the military or family members of veterans to mentoring and networking opportunities, as well as volunteer events. Members helped the company contribute more than 40,000 volunteer hours to military organizations last year.

Since 2009, Bank of America has donated more than \$17 million to nonprofit partners serving the military. And, a tailored set of content on Bank of America's Better Money Habits platform addresses the specific challenges that military service members face when making the transition from military to civilian life. Bankofamerica.com/militarysupport

About Family Dollar

For more than 55 years, Family Dollar has been providing value and convenience to customers in easy-to-shop neighborhood locations. Family Dollar's mix of name brands, and quality, private brand merchandise appeals to shoppers in more than 8,200 stores in rural and urban settings across 46 states. Helping families save on the items they need with everyday low prices creates a strong bond with customers who refer to their neighborhood store as "my Family Dollar." Family Dollar, headquartered in Matthews, North Carolina, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dollar Tree, Inc. of Chesapeake, Virginia. For more information, please visit familydollar.com.

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