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Hoopin' Around the Clock raises \$30,000 for charity

Over 800 people combined to raise \$30,000 at the fourth annual 'Hoopin' Around the Clock' charity basketball event. The first tip-off was last Friday in Kingsville and Windsor and games continued for a 24-hour period.

In total, games were played at five sites including the Kingsville District High School gymnasium, Migration Hall, the old St. Clair College gym and the St. Clair College Sportsplex.

"In total, we had sixty-five teams over the two sites, which his down slightly, but over 800 people played which is an increase," said organizer Reid Innes.

New to the tournament this year was combining Hoopin' with the KDHS Future Stars Basketball Tournament. This provided both challenges and opportunities.

"With the school teams, there was less opportunities for community teams to take part," commented Innes. "However, attendance for games was up. Whether that was the result of people sticking around after the school



Pictured in action at the fourth annual 'Hoopin' Around the Clock' charity basketball event are Sharon Latam of the Jack Miner Public School Junior girls' team and Zoe Toews of the Kingsville Class. Photo by Steve l'Anson

games I can't say, but it was great to see. It was also nice to get more of the youth teams involved." Innes noted that he feels that many people feel you have to be a basketball player to take part, but certainly isn't the case. "Obviously those games involving people who have

played before are more competitive," he said. "Anybody can play. Often times the most fun is had in the games involving people with little to no experience." Hoopin' Around the Clock raised funds for five organizations and monies will be split between the

Neighbourhood Charitable Alliance, St. College College Athlete Sponsorship Program, Windsor Pinoy Athletics, Windsor Cancer Center Foundation and The Bridge Youth Resource Centre in Leamington. "Other than some of the teams and sponsors chang-

ing, it's basically the same event every year," said Reid, who will meet with the rest of the organizing group to plan for the fifth annual event. Innes and the organizing group are once again grateful for all the support of players and sponsors in making the event possible.