






# 2007-08 Indiana Pacers INDIANA HEROES



<b>GAME DATE</b>	<b>INDIANA HERO</b>	<b>RECOGNIZED FOR</b>
<b>October 31, 2007</b>	<b>KHALIL BOYD</b> 	Just returning home from school, 7-year old Khalil called 9-1-1 when his 22-year old sister fell unconscious just a few feet away from him. Khalil remained calm, giving the dispatcher his address and vital information on the emergency situation. Khalil's sister was out of the hospital in just a few days and was very proud Khalil was home to help.
<b>November 2, 2007</b>	<b>JAMES BLAIR KENNEDY III</b> 	Jimmy is a 7 <sup>th</sup> grader at Creekside Middle School and delivers frequent speeches about his experience with Cerebral Palsy, serves as a volunteer patient for therapy students and raises money for the Timmy Foundation which supports health and education initiatives in developing countries. Jimmy recently received the Prudential Community of Spirit Award, which honors young people in middle level and high school grades for outstanding volunteer service to their communities.
<b>November 7, 2007</b>	<b>DANE &amp; JUDY WALKER</b> 	Since April 2004, Dane and Judy Walker have prepared and served six fundraising dinners, with proceeds totaling over \$22,000, being donated to the Boone County Cancer Society. Their efforts, in memory of their daughter, have helped numerous cancer patients pay for prescriptions, medical supplies and wigs and have assisted those patients whom have little or no insurance.

**November 10, 2007**     **JIN KONG**



Jin was a medical specialist of the First and 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division from 2004 to 2006. Jin was stationed at Ft. Lewis during his service and was deployed to Mosul, Iraq. During his deployment, he served as a combat medic to the front line infantry and implemented the very first integrated combat medical system for the Stryker Task Force for the United States Army.

**November 13, 2007**     **DEREK TRULL**



An art teacher at Wendell Phillips School #63, Derek was named the Indianapolis Public Schools Teacher of the Year. In his first year of teaching in IPS, Derek set a precedent by molding the new art program into a prime example of originality, imagination and inspiration.

**November 17, 2007**     **DANIEL KUZNIK**



As a math teacher at the Pike High School Freshman Center, Daniel knows that the essentials of education are commonly listed as curriculum, instruction and assessment, but he challenges himself and other educators to form strong relationships with students. This is why he was named the 2008 Indiana Teacher of the Year. Daniel is one of those rare educators who understands and embraces the awesome responsibility of educating all children. His strength as a teacher is his ability to connect, interact and inspire his students to learn.

**November 20, 2007**     **CAMMIE DUNCAN**



On January 11<sup>th</sup>, a disgruntled employee entered her place of employment with a handgun and started shooting. Cammie immediately dialed 911 and begin directing people to exit the building through the back door. While on the phone with 911, the gunman stepped into her office and opened fire. While shot and bleeding, Cammie continued to stay on the phone providing critical information to 911 and therefore through her selfless act of taking charge and not

**November 23, 2007**

**SHIRL WILLIAMS**



fleeing the scene, was able to save several of her co-workers lives.

In October, 2004, Shirl courageously performed CPR and mouth-to-mouth on a 260-pound man who was having a heart attack outside of her office building. Paramedics arrived and were able to save the victim due to Shirl's efforts. Shirl was awarded by the Indiana House of Representatives and was featured in Indianapolis Woman Magazine for her courageous act.

**December 4, 2007**

**SGT. MATT HARRIS, OFFICERS,  
JT WRIGHT, JAMES QUESENBERRY  
AND JASON CHRISTOPHEL**



On the evening of October 11th, the officers were dispatched to a reported head on vehicle crash. The vehicles was on fire and the occupants were trapped inside. Officer Quesenberry arrived and entered the burning SUV through the back window and with the assistance of an undercover officer, was able to remove the two back seat passengers and one of the front seat passengers. Sgt. Harris and Officer Wright were able to free the driver by prying open the driver's side door, and using a sledgehammer and crowbar, worked for several minutes to free the driver whose legs were pinned. The officers received a "Life Saving" award from Columbus Mayor Fred Armstrong and the "Governor's Award for Valor" from Indiana Fire Marshall Roger Johnson for their actions.

**December 12, 2007**

**THE FAMILY OF THE LATE SGT.  
JOSEPH PROCTOR  
(REPRESENTED BY WIFE, BETH)**



On May 3, 2006, while serving in Iraq, Sgt. Joseph Proctor did what very few men in this world could ever imagine. A dump truck parked with an estimated 350 pounds of explosives charged the strong point and breached the wall. Proctor, without hesitation, opened fire on the truck, killing the driver and bringing the vehicle to a stop before it could reach the barracks area where dozens slept. Seconds later the vehicle detonated, killing Sgt. Proctor and another Marine Corps Captain.

**December 14, 2007 OFFICERS DAVID JACKSON,  
REBECCA JACKSON,  
AND ROB VICKROY**



Officer Jackson and EMT Jackson rescued a missing person who was unresponsive and basically frozen stiff upon being found. Due to Officer Jackson's quick action, the victim has made a full recovery. Officer Vickroy rescued a victim that was trapped in his truck in flood waters.

**December 19, 2007 HOLLY HEITZMAN**



During a 2007 Indiana Fever practice, Fever player Ebony Hoffman went down after being elbowed in the throat. Fever Head Athletic Trainer Holly Heitzman was quickly able to determine that Ebony had a dislocated throat. If not detected quickly, an individual with this type of injury can die within 5 minutes or less.

Heitzman was able to relocate her throat and "snap" it into place, thus saving Ebony's life. Thanks to Holly, we were able to enjoy Ebony's hustle and determination throughout the entire 2007 season.

**December 22, 2007 JEREMY NELSON**



Jeremy, a 16-year-old student at Cathedral High School, received the Tyler J. Whisman Survivors Award which is presented to a youth who has survived heart disease and has given back to their community by being a spokesperson on behalf of the American Heart Association.

Jeremy was born with Long QT Syndrome, a disorder of the heart's electrical system and has been implanted with a pacemaker and defibrillator. During the past six months, Jeremy has bravely served as a spokesperson for the American Heart Association, including taking part in a special appeal for donations to help fight heart disease in children.

**December 29, 2007**

**JOSHUA BLEILL**



Only two weeks into his service in Iraq, 29-year old Greenfield native, Lance Corporal Joshua Bleill was struck in his humvee by a roadside bomb, killing the other two marines with him and taking Joshua's legs. All three were members of a Terre Haute based Marine reserve unit.

Joshua continues to undergo therapy at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC and believes that there are reasons that this happened, stating that he has a new mission at hand, maybe that of helping other Marines that get in this same situation.