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## **Nets' Carroll Ends 2017 on High Note - Spreading Compassion and Holiday Cheer**

Brooklyn Nets' starting forward DeMarre Carroll might be new to the City, but he has quickly embraced the New York community. In addition to participating in charitable activities with the Nets, Carroll has taken on other philanthropic endeavors through The Carroll Family Foundation (CFF), the nonprofit organization he and wife Iesha established in 2015. CFF focuses on raising awareness of liver disease, and also on helping the less fortunate.

At the Nets' home game versus the Wizards on Dec. 12, CFF hosted a sock drive in conjunction with the Nets and The Salvation Army. Game patrons and the Nets organization, including individual staff members, contributed more than one thousand pairs of socks. Socks are among the most needed and requested items at homeless shelters, and those collected at the drive were donated to The Salvation Army for distribution to help keep Brooklyn residents warm this winter.

On Dec. 21, Carroll and CFF provided dinner and holiday presents for nearly 50 at-risk youth who have aged out of foster care. The youth reside in supervised apartments where staff from Volunteers of America - Greater New York provide the guidance and transition support they need to live independently and thrive in adulthood. Carroll joined several of the youth and staff for a pre-Christmas visit at a Jersey City location. He spent an hour talking candidly with those in attendance, sharing his life story, offering words of wisdom and encouragement, and answering questions—ranging from his basketball career to his NBA 2K player rating to holiday plans with his family.

Carroll's generosity helped make the holiday season a warm and memorable one for residents in Brooklyn and the Greater New York City area.

### **About The Carroll Family Foundation**

The Carroll Family Foundation (CFF) is a non-profit organization founded by NBA player and liver disease awareness advocate, DeMarre Carroll and his wife Iesha. CFF focuses on educating and raising funds toward developing enhanced preventives, diagnostic services and treatments for adolescents suffering from pediatric liver disease or disorders. Not only is DeMarre Carroll the lead advocate for CFF, but he himself was also diagnosed with liver disease after completing his senior season at the University of Missouri in 2009. CFF not only focuses on raising liver disease awareness, but also on helping the less fortunate.