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## 2015 Thanksgiving & Christmas Holiday Food Drive & Toy, Hat and Coat Giveaway in New Haven, CT

Former Indiana Pacer and Detroit Piston NBA standout, **Dale Davis**, and several **NBA and NFL players** will join forces with local charities to supply Turkeys and help distribute food, hat and coat donations for the 2015 Thanksgiving & Christmas Holiday Food Drive and Toy, Hat and Coat Giveaway in New Haven and Hartford, CT.

**Kingdom International Economic Development Corporation (KIEDC)**, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, is partnered with the late Mae Ola Riddick's **M.O.R. Foundation** and the **New Haven Police Department** (NHPD) to collect turkeys and non-perishable food items from around the city, state and throughout the region. Toys, hats, and coats will also be collected. The late Mrs. Mae Ola Riddick established a legacy of giving and dedicated many decades of her life looking after those most in need.

In addition to helping with the food, hat and coat drive efforts, the NBA and NFL players will also speak with local school children to encourage them to stay in school, avoid violence, and chase their dreams.

Items for both holiday drives can be dropped off at the **New Haven Police Substation**, **26 Charles Street in New Haven**, **CT**. At Christmas, the Toy, Hat and Coat Drive is the prime focus. All supplies will be distributed on a first come first basis while supplies last. On-line registration is recommended. The distribution dates are as follows:

**THANKSGIVING:** Items will be distributed on November 22nd, 23rd, and the 24th from 12 to 7 pm. **CHRISTMAS:** Items will be distributed on December 22nd, 23rd, 24th from 12 to 7 pm.

To register for the holiday drives go to the website: <a href="www.KIEDC.com">www.KIEDC.com</a> and click on the Holiday Registration Link. More volunteer assistance and help is needed to make the Food, Toy, Hat & Coat Drive a success. Please call (860) 255-4788 for more info to sign up to donate food and/or volunteer to help with the event.

Please go to the <u>donate link</u> on the website to contribute to the cause: www.KIEDC.com. Connect with us on social media on the KIEDC Facebook fan page, Twitter or Instagram!

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