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SPAR TO HOST 22nd ANNUAL MLK JR. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

SHREVEPORT, LA, September 21, 2009: Shreveport Public Assembly and Recreation (SPAR), and Caddo Parish Parks & Recreation have hosted the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Tournament for more than 20 years. The MLK, JR. Basketball Tournament honors the legacy of Dr. King and is held in conjunction with African American History Month celebrations throughout the City of Shreveport during the month of February each year.

The MLK Jr. Basketball Tournament is designed to unite men, women and youth of all ethnic backgrounds for three days of fun, fitness and community unity. Over \$3,000 of cash prizes and awards will be given to championship teams. Over 100 teams (Pro Am to Youth) from 5 southern states participated in 2009, featuring some of the toughest roundballers in the south. In an effort to make the tournament more competitive, in 2009 the tournament committee added a Men's Pro-Am

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Division (featuring former collegiate and professional players) and a Wheelchair Division. In 2010 a Job Corps Division will be added to the tournament, highlighting some of the top Job Corps basketball teams in the region.

The 2010 MLK Jr. Basketball Tournament will be held February 19-21, 2010 at gyms throughout the city. All regional and local teams (youth and adult) are invited to participate in this community sporting event. Registration deadline is February 12, 2010. For continuous updates including contact information, registration details and photo gallery of last year's tournament activities, visit www.myspar.org.

For more information contact tournament coordinators, Mary Murphy at (318) 673-7776 / Kronski Grigsby at (318) 673-7749 or visit www.myspar.org .