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### **Bimbo Coles to Host Basketball Clinic for Local Youth in Lynchburg**

*Roanoke, Virginia – July 17, 2017* – Vernell “Bimbo” Coles will be hosting the Shooting Stars basketball clinic in Lynchburg to help kick off main games weekend for the Virginia Commonwealth Games. The private event will be held at Jubilee Family Development Center on Friday, July 21, 10:30 AM – noon.

Coles, a 1988 Olympic medalist for the USA basketball team, is expected to promote health, fitness, and overcoming obstacles and adversity.

Attendees of the clinic include upwards of 50 central-city youth and multiple teams from Jubilee Family Development Center and the Boys and Girls Club, sponsored by Blue Eagle Credit Union, McDonalds and Glass & Associates. In total, around 100 local children will get the opportunity to listen to and meet the Virginia Tech, NBA and Olympian legend.

Other sponsors of the Shooting Stars clinic include Dick’s Sporting Goods, Jersey Mike’s Subs and Heritage Funeral Service.

Mayor Joan Foster will also be speaking to attendees. Foster and Lynchburg’s Parks and Recreation Department have partnered with Virginia Amateur Sports for this event.

Bimbo Coles was a four-year starter for Virginia Tech’s basketball team and holds the Hokies all-time scoring record. He is a member of the school’s hall of fame and was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame earlier this year.

After winning a bronze medal with Team USA at the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games, Coles was drafted by the Sacramento Kings in 1990. He played professionally for 14 seasons and won an NBA championship as a member of the Miami Heat coaching staff.

Virginia Amateur Sports Inc. (VAS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Roanoke. VAS is governed by a board of directors made up of twenty-two members from localities across the state. The Games have an estimated \$1.7 million economic impact on the area. Attracting more than 235,000 athletes, their families plus spectators during the past 27 years, this competition features nearly 58 individual & team sports including basketball, softball, karate, swimming, and more. The Games are open to all ages and skill levels for any resident in Virginia and surrounding states without a State Games.

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