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HONORARY CHAIRS CLARK KELLOGG & KATIE SMITH JOIN IN SUPPORT OF OHSAA FOUNDATION'S NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE

Columbus, Ohio – Former Ohio high school basketball standouts Clark Kellogg and Katie Smith have joined in support of the Ohio High School Athletic Association Foundation's inaugural "**Foundation Service Week**" as statewide honorary chairs. Kellogg is a former basketball standout from Cleveland St. Joseph High School, The Ohio State University and the NBA. He was recently named CBS Sports' lead basketball announcer for the 2008-09 college basketball season. Smith is a former basketball standout from Logan High School and The Ohio State University, and currently plays for the WNBA's Detroit Shock. She recently returned from Beijing, China, where she played on the U.S. Women's Olympic Basketball Team that earned a gold medal, the third such honor for Smith.

As part of its continued efforts, the OHSAA Foundation is launching a new statewide service initiative. Many schools already incorporate community service as an extension of learning in the classroom. "Foundation Service Week" provides an opportunity for OHSAA member schools to participate in a community service project(s), as well as a platform to highlight the community service activities schools already participate in throughout the year. Foundation Service Weeks are highlighted by "**Foundation Games**," where participating schools are permitted to use one of the five allotted basketball scrimmages to play a live game under all normal game conditions, although the scrimmage does not count on a team's record. The inaugural statewide OHSAA Foundation Service Week will take place **Friday, November 21, through Saturday, December 6, 2008**.

"I am thrilled to serve as an honorary chair for Foundation Service Week," Kellogg said. "It's a terrific concept and I'm pleased to lend my support to such a positive effort."

"Service Week provides a wonderful opportunity to make a positive impact in Ohio communities and I hope schools across the state will get involved," Smith said.

"Clark and Katie have been wonderful supporters over the years of the missions of both the OHSAA and the OHSAA Foundation," OHSAA Commissioner Daniel B. Ross said. "We greatly appreciate their involvement in such an important initiative."

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As part of Foundation Service Week, all participating schools will identify a community service project that is meaningful for their school and community. Four pilot games were conducted with resounding success during the 2007-08 basketball season, when students helped flood victims, provided food for local food pantries, raised money for local scholarships and raised over \$10,000 for an education fund for the children of a coach that died unexpectedly. The proceeds from the Foundation Games go directly to the selected community service project, minus a \$250 donation per school to the OHSAA Foundation to be used for scholarships and leadership conferences. To date, over 100 OHSAA member schools have signed up to participate in the 2008 Foundation Service Week and more applications are submitted every day. A schedule of Foundation Games will be posted at www.ohsaafoundation.org later this month.

The OHSAA Foundation was created over 10 years ago to provide resources for enhancing educational opportunities and services for Ohio's student-athletes.

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