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"On behalf of University Medical Center and the Boy Scouts, I invite you to attend this event that is slated to both entertain and inspire," said Mike Morriscal, UMC chief operating officer and chairman for the event. "University Medical Center is proud to sponsor the 6th Annual Boy Scout Luncheon and excited to present 'Ready. Aim. Higher.' Ed Schilling is one of the best teachers in the game of basketball, along with April McDivitt Foster, this moving and uplifting duo mirrors the mission of the Boy Scouts of America in preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them key values."

Schilling has been a college basketball player and a high school physical education teacher. He also led the University of Massachusetts basketball team to the final four as an assistant coach before serving as the assistant coach for John Calipari in the New Jersey Nets, all in the same year. He then took up the head coach position at Division 1 Wright State University for six years. His most recent appointment was the assistant coach at the University of Memphis basketball team before starting Champions Academy.

“My philosophy in coaching basketball is that every player competes to win. Every runner enters the race to get the prize. Similarly, I prepare my players to win the game. To do that defensively, my players must not give away easy baskets. Offensively, my team must run and execute well. If there are no clear-cut chances, my players should rework the half court set, pass, cut and take the shot at the appropriate moments,” Schilling said.

He continued, “My philosophy is to make a positive influence and contribution to my players in the team. Since God had given me the talent and opportunity to coach basketball, I will do it to the best of my ability. It doesn't matter if I'm coaching a ten year-old boy or an NBA all-star, I will still do my best for God's glory.”

Foster said, “I was honored to be the 1999 Indiana Miss Basketball and score 50 points in a game while prepping at Connersville HS (IN) and went on to play at University of Tennessee for three years under Pat Summit and one season at U of California-Santa Barbara (UCSB). I was the point guard in two Final Fours, four Sweet 16's and was Academic All-American for all four years ... While playing during the summers in the WNBA, I was a full time assistant coach at UCSB for four years where I handled recruiting, on the bench game coaching and was the director of player development for the Division 1 University.”

“Guests to the Annual Luncheon are in for a real treat as this dynamic duo share their stories of motivation and determination,” Morriscal said. He added, “We are glad that Coaches Shilling and Foster will travel to Wilson County to speak to guests at our event.”

Walton Trail has served more than 1,200 youth in 2008 through a variety of programs including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and Exploring. From camping, fun activities and civic service projects, the youth in the Walton Trail district have greatly benefited from Scouting, officials said. Funds raised from the Luncheon go to help improve Scouting in Wilson, Trousdale, Macon, and Smith counties.

Persons wishing to attend the event may request an invitation by calling Biana Lillie at (615) 463-6304 or blillie@mtcbsa.org .