

Ed Ragland: Approximately thirty years ago Ed Ragland was part of a group that started basketball tournaments for young students. During winter months there weren't many activities for the younger students so Ed got busy and came up with an idea to get them playing ball. He found places for them to practice, found coach-volunteers (mostly teachers in the beginning), developed a schedule, went out and looked for uniforms and everything else that would give these students a chance to play ball. The program and the response from the community are a legacy that will always have Ed Ragland's stamp on it. He took the time to make a difference and still today you will see Ed running around town doing whatever it takes to keep the "ball rolling." This has grown into a community event where so many people are involved other than just parents of the students. Everyone is a winner in this event and we have Ed to thank for it.