

# The Sports Fund

Giving Middle Tennessee's kids the chance to compete in school and in life.

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## The Sports Fund Charity Bracket Results

When Villanova's Kris Jenkins sank the buzzer-beating three-point shot to defeat North Carolina 77-74 in Monday night's NCAA men's basketball tournament title game in Houston, the dramatic result meant several nonprofits in Middle Tennessee and statewide were winners, too.

Nashville-based **Crossroads Campus**, **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital of Memphis**, and Brentwood's **147 Million Orphans** each received a share of proceeds from the inaugural competition in The Madness of March Charity Bracket presented by The Sports Fund.

Crossroads Campus, which creates opportunities for individuals facing poverty and homelessness to care for homeless dogs and cats, was selected by **Charity Bracket winner Beth Brooks** of Nashville. Brooks correctly predicted Villanova to win the title and also tallied the most overall points in the competition.

**Second-place prognosticator Jeff Marsh**, who had North Carolina winning the title, tapped St. Jude's for his charity. St. Jude is a leading children's hospital, pioneering research and treatment for kids with cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

**Third-place overall** finisher Robert Wampler, who also correctly picked Villanova for the crown, was the benefactor for 147 Million Orphans.

Founded in 2009, the 147 Million Orphans organization provides the critical needs of children impacted by the orphan crisis and living in poverty worldwide.

"Thanks to all the participants, from individuals who contributed the tax-deductible \$20 to have fun playing the bracket, to companies that held friendly in-house competition, to the sports bars and radio stations that helped publicize the Charity Bracket," said Scott O'Neal of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

"And special thanks to Ray Guzman, CEO of WPC Healthcare and a committee member of The Community Foundation's Digital Inclusion Fund, who came up with the idea," O'Neal said.

**Alive Hospice** led the nonprofit organizations in participating in the Charity Bracket. **Capella Healthcare** and the **Nashville Predators** led the way in the corporate competition category.

Corporate supporters included **Grand Avenue**, **C3 Consulting**, **Mayday Brewery**, **Corner Pub Green Hills**, **Jonathan's Grille Green Hills**, and **Smoothie King** Belle Meade and Vanderbilt.

Half the proceeds from the charity bracket benefited The Sports Fund, an initiative of [The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee](#). The Sports Fund is a charitable effort dedicated to helping ensure Middle Tennessee children have access to the opportunities sports and team membership provide – ultimately, helping them succeed in school and in life.

As a permanent endowed source of funding, The Sports Fund distributes grant funds to nonprofits and community programs in Middle Tennessee that work proactively to prevent a range of issues facing our children, such as childhood obesity, gang membership, teen pregnancy and high school dropout rates.

For more information or to donate to The Sports Fund, contact O'Neal at 615-321-4939, ext. 133 or [soneal@cfmt.org](mailto:soneal@cfmt.org). Follow The Sports Fund on [Facebook](#) or at [www.thesportsfund.org](http://www.thesportsfund.org).

### About The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee has helped generous individuals, families, businesses, nonprofits, and communities establish charitable funds during the past 24 years, as well as supported one-time donations of all sizes. Established funds provide philanthropic solutions to a broad range of donors and help connect generosity with need in Middle Tennessee and across the United States, supporting the charitable goals of the entire community and building a stronger region. The Community Foundation serves the 40 counties of Middle Tennessee and is located at 3833 Cleghorn Ave., #400, Nashville, TN 37215.



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