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## PRESS RELEASE: CHRIS HERREN PRESENTATION AT CHAMBERBSURG HIGH SCHOOL

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The Franklin County Overdose Task Force ("FCOTF") is very pleased to announce that former Boston Celtic Chris Herren will be coming to Franklin County for an inspiring presentation of his miraculous recovery from drug addiction. Mr. Herren will be speaking in the Chambersburg Area High School Auditorium (511 S. 6th Street Chambersburg, PA) on August 31, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. (doors open at 6:00 P.M.). The event is FREE and open to the general public.

Chris Herren was a high school basketball legend from Fall River, Massachusetts who scored over 2,000 career points and was named to the 1994 McDonald's All-American team. Herren realized his lifelong dream of playing in the NBA only to lose it all to the nightmare of drug addiction—first alcohol, then cocaine and oxycontin, finally heroin.

Alcohol and drug-free since August 1, 2008, he has refocused his life to put his sobriety and family above all else. He shares his harrowing story of abuse and recovery in his memoir, *Basketball Junkie*, as well as in numerous interviews throughout the Emmy nominated ESPN Films documentary *Unguarded*, of which he is the subject.

Off the court, Chris Herren continues to share his story with audiences in the hopes of reaching just one person and making a difference in his or her life. To support this vision, he founded The Herren Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing treatment navigation, educational and mentoring programs to those touched by addiction and to educate people of all ages on the dangers of substance abuse one person, one family at a time.

The FCOTF thanks the Chambersburg Area School District for hosting the event, along with the following sponsors: Healthy Communities Partnership, The Franklin County District Attorney's Office, Volvo Construction, Rotary Club of Chambersburg and First United Methodist Church of Chambersburg.

The Franklin County District Attorney's Office gives very special thanks to the family of Marc Brumbaugh (March 5, 1990 - April 22, 2017). After Marc's recent passing due to an overdose, his family requested that memorial donations be made to the Franklin County Drug Task Force and Noah's House in lieu of flowers. The Franklin County Drug Task Force received over \$3,000 and 100% of all funds received are being utilized for the Chris Herren event. From Marc's Obituary: "Marc tried for 10 years to overcome his addiction. It would be his desire that others going through the same cycle of addiction, learn from his death, that there is no happy ending when you are using. You need to fight for your life, for the rest of your life." The Brumbaughs will be formally recognized on the night of the event.

