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Local Boy Throws 'Buzzkill Birthday Basketball Bash' to Fight Malaria



ZCooper Smith, center Photo provided

million lives.

Smith was excited to help. "Just 10 dollars to save a life!" he said. Since his birthday was coming up, he decided to devote his party to the cause. "So that's what I did," he said. In addition to raising money, all of Smith's friends wrote cards of hope to kids in Tanzania.

Vinnie Bianchina wrote: "I hope all your wishes come true and that you are safe and have a healthy family. I know you will have a bright future and I am trying to help you as much as I can." And Jake Myers said: "I hope you're safe in your new net."

Additional well-wishes came from the 11 other party guests. And together, they raised more than \$2,200.

The boys hope to pull together a bigger fundraiser in July to raise even more money and have more cards for Curry and ESPN's Rick Reilly to take on their trip to Tanzania July 30.

"I am so happy that we could raise money for Nothing But Nets and the kids in Tanzania," Smith said.

For more information about Nothing But Nets, visit www.nothingbutnets.net.

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