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QV Basketball Skills Competition to Support Terminally Ill Patients

Christian Miller organized the event to benefit Family Hospice and Palliative Care.

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Quaker Valley sophomore Christian Miller is organizing a basketball competition on Feb. 20 to support and comfort patients who are terminally ill.

Christian, a member of the Quaker Valley boys' basketball team, said he wanted to support the Pittsburgh-based [Family Hospice and Palliative Care](#) because they provided his grandmother, Dorothy Lewis-Kistler, with quality, compassionate care.

"I chose Family Hospice because they treated my grandmother who had lung cancer when she needed to ease the process and her suffering," Christian said.

[CompassionateCare](#) is a program designed to ease the pain, symptoms and stress of chronic or life-limiting illness or injury. According to the not-for-profit hospice, more than 3,600 patients with such illnesses received care in 2010.

The basketball skills competition will involve as many teams of three that register for the event, which will be from 1-3 p.m. Feb. 20 in the [Quaker Vally High School](#) gym.

Christian said the competition, as part of his personal project, is open to students in sixth through eighth grades at the [Quaker Valley Middle school](#).

The registration fee is \$15 per person with all proceeds going to Family Hospice. Teams will compete for the top score with one winning team per grade. Each winning team will be awarded medals, while every participant will get a prize and certificate of participation.

He said he hopes the event will help a "very good organization."

Students can find registration forms in the main office or download one here at [Sewickley Patch](#). For more information, email qv14.millerc@qvmail.org

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