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John Thompson III Foundation to Hold Book Drive for Holidays

WASHINGTON – The John Thompson III Foundation will be hosting a Book Drive this weekend when the Georgetown University men's basketball team hosts Old Dominion at McDonough Arena on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. Fans are encouraged to bring children's books to the game as the JTIII Foundation holds its third annual holiday drive.

The Hoya Hoop Club will be hosting a Holiday Party this Saturday, Dec 19 at the Leo O'Donovan Dining Hall on-campus. The event will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Hoop Club members and friends are asked to donate a children's book. Collection bins will be located at Leo's, as well as at the entrance to McDonough Arena.

The book drive will benefit Everybody Wins! DC (www.everybodywinsdc.org), a local non-profit organization devoted to promoting children's literacy and a love of learning through shared reading experiences. EW!DC operates in 32 Title I public elementary schools, serving nearly 4,000 children throughout the Washington Metropolitan area by pairing them with Reading Mentors.

A second book drive will also be held on Wednesday, Dec. 23 when the Hoyas host Harvard at Verizon Center. Tipoff is slated for noon. Collection bins will be located at both ticket entrances to Verizon for the Harvard game.

Georgetown improved to 8-0 overall after a pair of wins over nationally-ranked teams last week, beating No. 22 Butler, 72-65, in the Jimmy V Classic, and then posting a 74-66 win over No. 17 Washington at the John Wooden Classic. The Hoyas are ranked No. 11 in the Associated Press Top 25 poll and No. 11 in the ESPN/USA Today Top 25 Coaches poll.

The game with Old Dominion on Saturday, Dec. 19 will be shown live on the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network, with Dave Feldman and Mark Tillmon calling all of the action, and can be heard locally on ESPN 980 AM, with Rich Chvotkin handling the play-by-play.

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