Former Knicks Star Allan Houston Spends Time with BronxWorks Kids

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Former Knicks star Allan Houston shows the kids how it’s done. (Photo by Hugh Thornhill)

Former star player for the New York Knicks, Allan Houston, visited the BronxWorks Community Center, at 1130 Grand Concourse, to conduct a mini-basketball clinic for the kids in the BronxWorks summer camp program on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Throughout the two-hour clinic, Houston gave kids pointers on how to shoot, had some kids volunteer to play through some practice drills, and talked with the kids about setting goals and pursuing them “with integrity and character.” He also emphasized his five principals for the Foundation Program, which Houston calls “F.I.S.L.L.” (Faith, Integrity, Sacrifice, Leadership, and Legacy).

The kids at the BronxWorks Summer Camp seemed to enjoy the event, and took away a positive message from it.
“I liked it because there was a lot of interaction,” said one of the kids with the BronxWorks Summer Camp, Abdoullah Goudiaby. “I liked Allan’s prospective of things, and it was fun.”

During the clinic Allan Houston gave the kids demonstrations on how to shoot, but also gave them advice on how to pursue their own goals

The event was organized by BronxWorks and the Allan Houston Legacy Foundation. BronxWorks is a successful community organization based in the Bronx that provides economic and social services to individuals and their families living in the borough. The Legacy Foundation hosts a number of programs throughout the five boroughs that teach kids and young adults life skills, entrepreneurship, and developing and maintaining healthy relationships with family and friends. The two are currently looking into developing a partnership with each other.

“Our foundation has been working extremely hard to partner with BronxWorks and it’s been a great potential partnership, so we’re looking forward to doing more with them in the future,” Houston said.