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State Assemblyman ***Adam Gray*** defends during the charity basketball game at The Salvation Army's Red Shield Center in Modesto on Thursday, April, 7, 2016.

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Red Shield All-Star team member Maria Cardenas takes a shot during the charity basketball game at The Salvation Army's Red Shield Center in Modesto on Thursday, April, 7, 2016.

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Former NBA star Chuck Hayes coaches the Red Shield All-Star Team in the charity basketball game at The Salvation Army's Red Shield Center in Modesto on Thursday, April, 7, 2016.

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A benefit basketball game Thursday evening at The Salvation Army's Red Shield Center in west Modesto raised at least $35,700 toward the restoration of the facility's 46-year-old swimming pool.

The game pitted elected officials and other public servants against the Red Shield All-Star Team of

primarily teenagers from 14 to 18 years old. They played two 20-minute halves, separated by a halftime show of boxing and dancing demonstrations by Red Shield youth. Final score was 81-79 with the all-stars winning.

Coach of the youth team was former NBA player Chuck Hayes Jr., who grew up in Modesto and went on to play for the Houston Rockets and Sacramento Kings. His players were Abel Sanchez, Anthony Hooks, Cristal Cardenas, Daniel Fitch, Fernando Ventura, Freddy Flores, Jeremiah Taylor, Manual Barragan, Maria Cardenas, Ninh Silosoth, Omar Rivera and Ricardo Reynoso.

Captain of the adult team was U.S. Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Turlock. His players and supporters, who paid $2,500 apiece toward the pool project, included Assemblyman ***Adam Gray***; Assemblywoman Kristin Olsen and her husband, Rod Olsen; Stanislaus County Supervisors Terry Withrow, Vito Chiesa and Jim DeMartini, Merced County Supervisor Daron McDaniel; Modesto Councilman Mani Grewal; Bill and Mary Lyons of Mapes Ranch; Joe Allison of Merced College; Damien Galarza of Radio Merced; Jeremiah Williams, Oak Crafts by Jeremiah; Oscar Cabello, Wells Fargo district manager; Mark Hendrickson, Atwater school district trustee; and Scott Taylor, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Constructed in 1970, the pool has needed major work for 20 years, said Jeremiah Williams, chairman of the Community Action Coalition of Stanislaus County, which is hosting the basketball game.

The funds raised Thursday (donations still were coming in beyond the $35,700) will go to the roughly $150,000 in work needed to open the pool by May or June, he said. Williams called the pool restoration "a complete redo." It needs new rebar, gunite surfacing and a new pump and plumbing, lighting and filter systems.

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Highlights: Adam Gray