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DKMS AND NBA STAR TYSON CHANDLER TO RING NY STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSING BELL ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

Phoenix Suns Center Joins DKMS to Celebrate Seven Million People Registered as Potential Bone Marrow/Blood Stem Cell Donors Worldwide

WHAT: Phoenix Suns' center Tyson Chandler will ring the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange with [DKMS](#), the international non-profit leading the fight against blood cancer.

Chandler, a DKMS Ambassador with his wife Kimberly, have teamed up with DKMS in the effort to increase diversity on the global database of potential lifesaving bone marrow/blood stem cell donors. African Americans are under-represented – accounting for only 7 percent of all registrants. Because a patient's best chance of finding a matching bone marrow/blood stem cell donor is with someone of similar ancestry, African Americans with blood cancers and disorders have a harder time finding a lifesaving donor.

DKMS is celebrating seven million people registered as potential bone marrow/blood stem cell donors worldwide. Overall, 70 percent of people suffering from blood-related illnesses must rely on donors outside their families to save their lives. Swabbing your cheek is all it takes to register as a potential donor. To register, visit www.dkms.org.

WHO: -Tyson Chandler, DKMS Ambassador, Phoenix Suns (NBA) center
-Carina Ortel, CEO of DKMS

WHEN: **Friday, January 20**
4:00 PM

WHERE: New York Stock Exchange
11 Wall Street
New York, NY

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ABOUT DKMS: [DKMS](#) is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to eradicating blood cancers like Leukemia and other blood-related illnesses inspiring both men and women around the world to register as bone marrow and blood stem cell donors. DKMS is providing patients with a second chance at life, working closely with families from diagnosis to

transplant and beyond. The donor journey begins with a swab of the cheek that takes less than 60 seconds and can be the action that leads to a lifesaving transplant. DKMS, originally founded in Germany in 1991 by Dr. Peter Harf, has organizations in Germany, Poland, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. The U.S. office was founded in 2004 and has registered over 800,000 people. To join the fight against blood cancer or for more information, please go to dkms.org.

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