

## UCONN Men at AH Boy's & Girls Club

December 16<sup>th</sup> was the annual Holiday celebration at the Asylum Hill Boys & Girls Club. Along with gifts for the children and families, there was the appearance of UCONN Coach Kevin Ollie and more than a dozen of the Husky Men's Basketball team.

It should be pretty well known by now that Coach Ollie is especially fond of the Boys & Girls Clubs as was his predecessor, Coach Calhoun. After all, his foundation provided brightly colored variously configured hoops at the back of the Club for the special children for whom a standard 10' hoop just doesn't work.

This time the attraction was the team themselves, and it was truly heartening to see the interaction of these elite athletes with the young children. Getting held up to within a few feet of the hoop by a Husky player is pretty exciting, but sitting down with one to



color with crayons has got to be pretty memorable as well. It's great to see that the education they are getting includes more than just the skills needed to play really great basketball, but also the willingness to give back to the community.

Later on the children were given one of the many toys collected by the Boys & Girls Club to make sure they had a gift to take home as well as some

great memories.

For more photos of the event, go to: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/9hp6HsRkSGCMKjyT2>