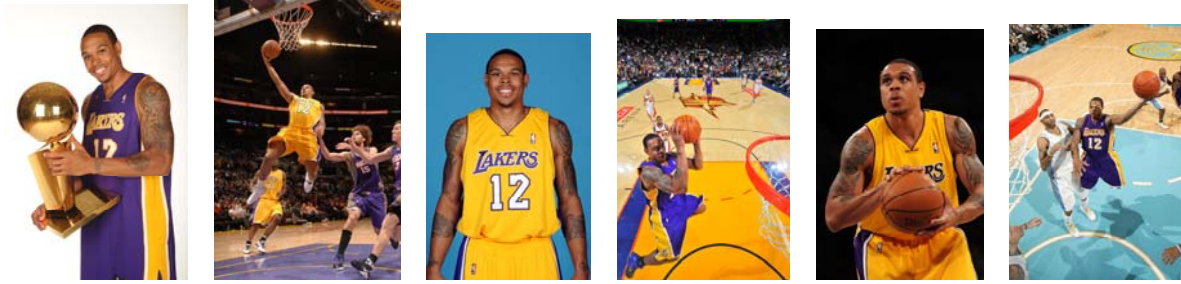


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## NBA Champion SHANNON BROWN, A Chicago Native and Current Member of THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS, TO PLAY SECRET SANTA

*Shannon Will Fulfill the Holiday Wish Lists of Over 100 Local Children*

**Chicago, IL – (December 11, 2009)** – Shannon Brown and Target® are teaming up this holiday season to give back to his hometown of Maywood, Illinois. He will be in Chicago when the Los Angeles Lakers face off against the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Shannon will surprise 115 students of School District 89 with gifts. On the morning of Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Shannon will visit The Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital of Loyola University Medical Center to complete the hospital's wish list.

Shannon promises to bring the thrill of the Holiday Season to life!

"As a kid, I can remember how excited I used to get during Christmas time. Unfortunately, for some kids, Christmas time isn't so happy," said Brown. "Giving gifts to those less fortunate is the least I can do."

### **About Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Shannon will pass out the presents from the children's wish lists. He invited kids from each grammar school in his hometown of Maywood, and he will bring lots of joy to those 115 lucky students who were recommended by their principal. Schools involved: Garfield, Lincoln, Emerson, Irving, Lexington and Washington.

The event will be held from 6pm – 8pm at Mariella's Banquets Inc. located at 124 S. 5th Avenue in Maywood.

"It is really important for me to help these families that may be experiencing economic difficulties this holiday season and are not able to get their kids anything for Christmas," said Brown.

### **About Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Shannon will supply items that the staff at The Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital of Loyola University Medical Center put on their holiday wish list. The list contains items for both the common playroom and also special requests made by the children.

The event will be held at The Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital of Loyola University Medical Center at 9am. The Hospital is located on 2160 S. First Avenue Maywood, IL 60153.

"I am extremely grateful Target® has agreed to partner up with me," said Brown. "I really look forward to this time of year. To see the smiles on these kids' faces makes it all worth it!"

### **About Shannon Brown**

Shannon grew up in Maywood, Illinois. After winning an NBA Title last season, he resigned with the Los Angeles Lakers this past summer. Shannon has had a great start to the 2009-2010 NBA Season, earning national recognition for his nightly highlight dunks, and is being considered as a candidate for 2010 All-Star Slam Dunk Contest.

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