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Spectators of sports events at Sherry Hopper-Goodman Park in the Northaven community now have a 100-seat section of bleachers thanks to a partnership between the Shelby County Mayor's Charitable Foundation, the IOBY (In Our Backyard) non-profit fundraising platform and other donors.

Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell will make remarks about the community initiative on Tuesday, July 7th, 6 p.m. at Goodman Park, 4941 Breckenwood.

"This shows what can happen when the community works with government. We accomplished this without putting an additional expense on the taxpayers. We especially appreciate *Clean Memphis* for linking us to the *In Our Backyard Foundation*," said Mayor Luttrell.

The Shelby County Mayor's Charitable Foundation made the initial \$3,000 investment towards the \$6,000 cost for the bleachers.

The IOBY Foundation contributed \$1300 along with other groups including the Northaven Community Association, Memphis Business Academy in Frayser, Northridge Woodhaven Funeral Home and Cemetery and employee contributions from Shelby County Government, Shelby County Sheriffs' Office and Northaven Elementary School.

"I'm elated. The bleachers will bring more parents and fans to our youth football games and other sporting events. The children will certainly benefit from the affirmation from spectators," said Ricky Jefferson, coach of the Northaven Bulldogs, part of the Children of Memphis Youth Football League. The football league has hosted games at the Northaven park since 1990.

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