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NBA Athlete Gives Back; Quincy Pondexter Visits Fresno Kids

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FRESNO, Calif. (KMPH) - He's a rookie for the New Orleans Hornets. Before that though, he was a San Joaquin Memorial basketball star.

This weekend, Quincy Pondexter returned to his roots in Fresno to give back to his hometown.

"This is where I grew up, this is where my foundation is. To be able to bring it back here, to play basketball here, to go to the mall and see people I know it's a great feeling because this is my hometown. This is my home," said Pondexter, who was a first round draft pick last year.

And he didn't come home empty-handed.

Pondexter brought 100 turkeys, 100 turkey vouchers, T-shirts and bags to give out to kids at the West Fresno Boys and Girls Club.

"Quincy came here to sign T-shirts and give back to the community he grew up in," said Xavier Williams, a member of the club.

Many parents said they were very grateful for the free meal.

"They say it was a blessing. But I don't feel that way. You know, I'm just doing my part. God's willing to put me in a position where I can give back like this. To see the expression on people's faces, it's just priceless," said Pondexter.

For many Fresno families these are uncertain times, something Pondexter can empathize with.

The players and the NBA are in the midst of a lockout.

"It's scary to go through it at times, because you don't know when you're going to play next, but at the same time it's for the betterment of the league and yourself down the road," said Pondexter.

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