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Kishore honored as 'Hero Among Us'

Dr. Punyamurti Kishore of Chestnut Hill joined Boston Celtics captain Paul Pierce and Seattle Supersonic player Ray Allen at center court of the Fleet-Center before the Nov. 21 home game between the Boston Celtics vs. Seattle SuperSonics. Kishore

was honored by the Boston Celtics as a local hero as part of the team's "Heroes Among Us" program.

In 1993, Kishore founded the National Library of Addictions, an intellectual gathering place for health care professionals and community members who are working to overcome the effects of addictions.

Kishore along with his "ambassadors," who are recovering addicts, have gone to schools, camps, YMCA's and Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Massachusetts to speak on the effects of drugs and addiction.

Kishore is often referred to as the "Doctor of Addiction Treatment" for his efforts in the development of treatment methodologies. He has worked with more than 140,000 drug addicts throughout the past 15 years.

The "Heroes Among Us" award is presented to an individual or individuals who, through their commitment and humanitarian spirit, have made exceptional and lasting contributions to the community. At each home game since the pro-

gram's inception, the Celtics and their fans have saluted the exemplary efforts of these citizens during a special in-game presentation on the team's parquet floor. To date, more than 300 individuals have received the "Heroes Among Us" Award.