



Annual Report

2009





Dear Sports Gift Donors, Volunteers and Supporters:

I am pleased to share with you the results of Sports Gift's activities for the year ended December 31, 2009. 2009 was a fantastic year for Sports Gift in our work to increase the number of volunteers participating in Sports Gift community service programs and our impact to provide sports to impoverished children around the world. We had over 200 groups around the United States participate in our Collection Leader program and over 100 volunteers participated in our Service Team program at our Orange County facility. All these dedicated volunteers helped Sports Gift provide approximately 30,000 pieces of sports equipment to provide the gift of sports to over 28,000 impoverished children throughout the world. We were able to achieve these results while continuing to maintain extraordinary efficiency standards. This report summarizes our 2009 achievements and I hope, after reading it, you are encouraged to join our effort to help children living in poverty play sports.



I would like to thank all of our donors, volunteers and supporters for their generosity and dedication to our mission. Sports Gift is a one hundred percent volunteer organization, so we rely heavily on the outstanding work of our many volunteers to meet the expanding opportunities before us. I am honored and humbled by the faith our supporters have shown in our vision for Sports Gift and I remain committed to uphold the trust these supporters have placed on our efforts. It is a privilege for me to give children living in poverty the chance to experience the simple joys of childhood that come from sports and to give them hope for a better future. We are deeply thankful to and inspired by the many supporters who made possible all of the activities reflected in this report.

Respectfully,

Keven F. Baxter,
President

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Our Mission

Sports Gift is focused on providing sports to underprivileged children throughout the world and promoting sports related community service among our youth. Sports promote health and exercise, provide important life lessons in such things as goal setting, hard work, fair play and teamwork and give us a safe arena to experience the thrills and challenges of competition. Unfortunately, many children living in poverty will never have the opportunity to enjoy sports without the assistance of Sports Gift. We work to improve the lives and give hope to impoverished children through a variety of sports programs including the collection and donation of sports equipment. Sports Gift has distributed over one hundred forty thousand pieces of sports equipment to children all over the world including the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, Africa, Indonesia and the South Pacific. We also offer community service programs to America's youth to increase their awareness of and compassion for underprivileged children who cannot afford to play sports. Through this effort, we seek to instill in our youth a lifelong commitment to and passion for community service.

Who We Are

- Giving Kids Sports, Globally
- Teaching Community Service, Through Sports



2009 Highlights

- Over 36,200 items collected
- Over 29,750 items distributed
- Over 28,000 children served
- Over 16,500 pounds distributed





Collection Leaders

Sports Gift had over 200 groups across the United States participate in our Collection Leader community service program in 2009. Under this program, a student or group organizes a collection of sports equipment in their community at a local school, sports team, league or club, religious event or other location to benefit impoverished children. Sports Gift equips these Collection Leaders with Sports Gift materials and resources to help them plan and organize their collection of sports equipment. It is very gratifying to hear the passion and energy our volunteers devoted to their community service projects and the impact their participation with Sports Gift has had in their lives and their commitment to help others through community service.

Service Team

Sports Gift introduced its Service Team community service program in 2009 and it quickly became very popular to students and others in the Orange County area. Over 100 volunteers spent over 1,000 hours of community service time working at our Orange County facility helping us

inventory, sort, organize, clean and prepare sports equipment for distribution to youth programs serving impoverished children around the world. The volunteers go through an orientation including a tour of our photo gallery of children around the world who benefit from the program so they can see firsthand the children they are serving with their participation in Sports Gift. We have had children as young as 8, middle and high school students, college students and young adults participate in our Service Team and they have collectively allowed us to process the growing volume of sports equipment we receive and distribute.

This overwhelming community involvement has translated into a fantastic year of growth for Sports Gift. We collected 36,217 items of sports equipment in 2009 from sources all over the United States covering a broad array of sports including soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, running and other sports. The dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of community members around the United States have allowed us to provide the gift of sports to over 28,000 children living in poverty. Sports Gift heads into 2010 with an inventory of 13,459 items of sports equipment to continue our giving.

Sports Gift In The Media

Sports Gift was honored to receive broad exposure through a variety of media sources this past year including Oprah Magazine, Readers Digest, Self Magazine to name a few where readers were exposed to our community service programs and how they can participate in Sports Gift to provide the gift of sports to impoverished children around the world. Sports Gift was also featured in the children's book A Glove of their Own, a heartwarming story about how a group of children learn the value of helping others by sharing their old sports equipment.



Making A Healthier Planet

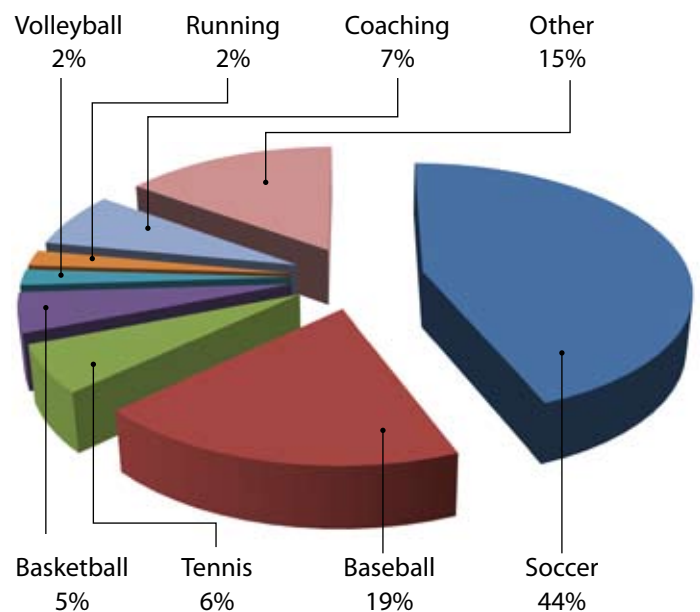
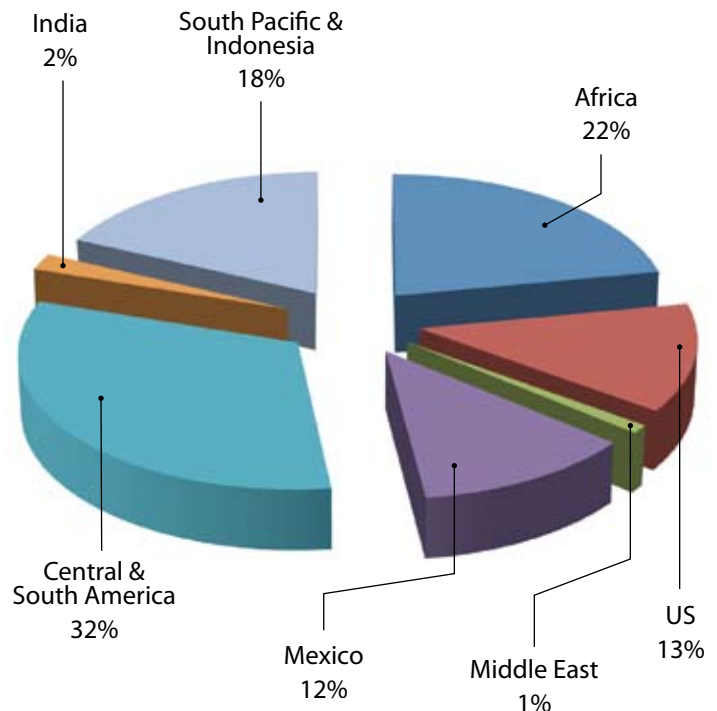
One of the founding principles of Sports Gift is to seek creative ways to reuse our resources to improve the lives of people suffering from poverty. Since our inception, our sports equipment collection and distribution program has resulted in the recycling of over 79,000 pounds of sports equipment significantly reducing the waste going into landfills and reducing the resources necessary to manufacture new equipment for the communities receiving our gift of sports equipment. We also seek to incorporate low impact (on the environment) processes in our operations. For example, we use recycled boxes to ship our equipment and environmentally friendly cleaning solutions to refurbish the sports equipment. We believe that caring for our planet is an important way we can care for others, including future generations.

2009 Gifts.

During 2009, Sports Gift donated 29,795 items of sports equipment to youth programs serving impoverished children throughout the world. A geographic breakdown of our donations includes: 32% in Central and South America, 22% in Africa, 18% in the South Pacific and Indonesia, 13% in the United States, 12% in Mexico, and 3% in other parts of the world including India and the Middle East.

Donations to Sports Gift comprised over 19,000 pounds of sports equipment for a wide range of sports broken down by sports category as follows (measured by number of items): 44% soccer equipment, 19% baseball and softball equipment, 6% tennis equipment, 5% basketball equipment, 2% volleyball equipment, 2% running equipment, 7% coaching supplies, and 15% other sports equipment including football and general playground equipment.

We estimate that our gifts in 2009 benefited over 28,000 children in over twenty-seven countries around the world. The pages at the end of this report provide a summary of some of the gifts made in 2009, which we hope will give you a more personal perspective on the impact Sports Gift is making in the lives of impoverished children all over the world. The stories we receive are truly amazing, both in terms of the challenges and hardships these children must overcome and the immense joy and appreciation they experience upon receiving the gift of sports.



Honduras Spotlight

Honduras is one of the poorest nations in the western hemisphere. A Peace Corp volunteer stationed in the village of San Marcos Guaimaca, Francisco Morazán had the challenge to provide a school program for the children in the community. This village is about three hours northeast of Honduras' capital of Tegucigalpa. The community has a population of about 800 people and the primary source of income is coffee farming. There are no paved roads, no electricity, no telephones, no stores or markets in the village, with the nearest community with traditional stores being one and a half hours away. There is one school in the village, and

the children's lives center around school and working with their families on the coffee plantations. As a result, youth sports in the village is very rare especially for girls. Most girls in Honduras have never played organized sports. Sports Gift made a gift of 439 items of sports equipment to this community including soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, shin guards, basketballs, baseball supplies and other sports equipment. The Peace Corp volunteer is using the sports equipment to organize a sports program for the children as part of her teaching service in the village.



Sports Gift Holiday Drive

Sports Gift held its annual Sports Gift Holiday Drive providing over 1,700 new sports equipment items as holiday gifts to Southern California homeless shelters and youth programs serving disadvantaged children. This program has been growing each year and with the difficult economic conditions this year, the gifts provided a special holiday gift to children facing very challenging circumstances.



Maintaining Efficiency 2010 Outlook

Thanks to the tireless support of many volunteers and supporters, Sports Gifts was able to achieve these milestones while maintaining extraordinary efficiency measures. More than 98% of our expenses go directly into our programs to provide sports equipment to impoverished children. As an all volunteer charity, we focus all our resources on making a difference in the lives of impoverished children through sports. The amazing thing about this efficiency is that we are delivering supplies to some of the most remote regions of the world in most cases to third world countries and regions such as Africa, Mexico, Central and South America and Indonesia. I remain committed to ensuring that every dollar we receive from our loyal donors is used to provide the greatest impact possible to help children living in poverty play sports.

Sports Gift experienced tremendous growth and community support in 2009 which positions us to become the leading sports related community service organization in the United States serving impoverished children. We will continue to measure our success by the number of underprivileged children we are able to serve and the number of people participating in our community service programs, all while maintaining the highest efficiency measures possible. Our achievements in 2009 give me high hopes for our possible accomplishments in 2010.



Participate In Sports Gift

The common thread of people participating in Sports Gift is their love of sports and their passion for helping others. We want to enlist every single person who shares these values to participate in one of our programs. Sports Gift has a variety of ways for students, groups, families, schools, youth leagues and clubs, businesses, sporting goods retailers and manufacturers and others to join our effort to provide sports to children living in poverty. I believe that one of the most powerful aspects of Sports Gift is that we are a grass roots organization capitalizing on the energy of passionate volunteers. Volunteers can become Collection Leaders or participate in our Service Team program, groups can form a Sports Gift Club in their community, individuals and businesses can support our programs through financial donations and charities and organizations serving underprivileged children can contact us to receive gifts of sports equipment. We invite you to contact us to discuss ways you can make a difference in the lives of children living in poverty through sports.

Our Programs

Collection Leader

Individuals and groups can organize a sports equipment collection.

Service Team

Individuals and groups can volunteer at our Orange County, California facility to help sort, organize and package sports equipment supplies for distribution.

Play With Purpose

Buy Sports Gift patches for your uniforms to raise money to support Sports Gift.

Sports Gift Club

Student groups can establish a Sports Gift Club at their School.

For more information on Sports Gift, please contact us:

Sports Gift

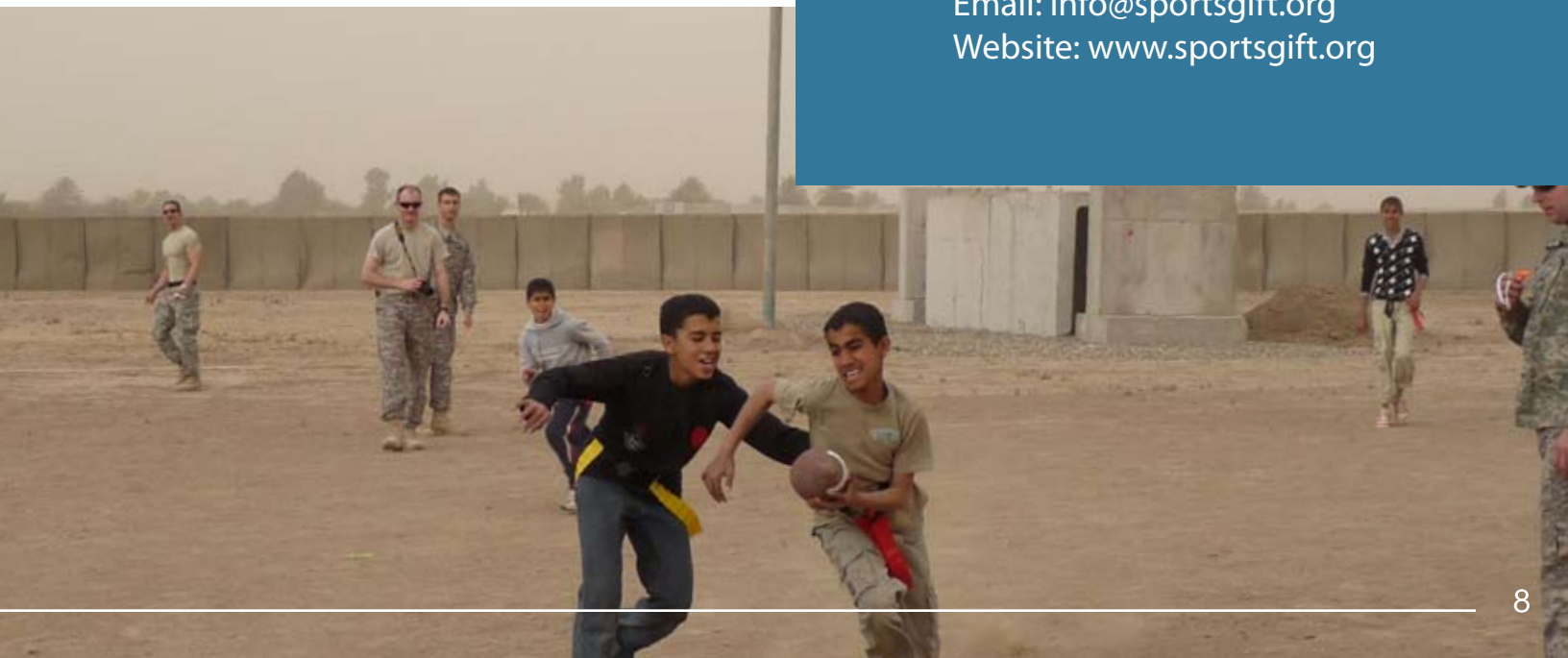
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Stories From Around The World

United States

Anaheim

Items Donated: 223

Children Impacted: 223+

This gift of sports equipment included new balls, mitts, clothing and other sports equipment as holiday gifts to disadvantaged children. This street program is run on the streets of Orange County inner-city, which is a small duplex community with mostly single mother families. There are Spanish-speaking families with a very low income who all come out Friday nights to pray, do homework and be fed by this program. The kids love sports, personal attention and are responsible and hard working.

Camp Pendleton

Items Donated: 616

Children Impacted: 616+

This gift of sports equipment included new balls, mitts, clothing and other sports equipment as holiday gifts to children in military families with parents overseas serving our country. The program serves younger marines with families who make little money. Santa pass out gifts at a Christmas celebration for the kids.

Compton and Long Beach

Items Donated: 304

Children Impacted: 100+

This gift of basketballs, volleyballs, tennis equipment and softball equipment was given to a program serving underprivileged children in Compton and the Long Beach communities. These are very poor communities with a large drug and gang influence, so giving the children healthy alternatives is very important.

Cypress

Items Donated: 77

Children Impacted: 77+

This gift of sports equipment included new balls, mitts, clothing and other sports equipment as holiday gifts to disadvantaged children. This program focuses on children in crisis who are in situations out of their control. Their goal is to brighten up a Childs life. This program does this by donating boxes to domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters, boys and girls clubs, at risk school programs and social services.



East Los Angeles

Items Donated: 149

Children Impacted: 150+

This gift of sports equipment included softballs, mitts, clothing and other sports equipment to disadvantaged children.

This program restores families by putting on events that involve the whole family. East Los Angeles is full of gangs, drugs, prostitution, and families that can't afford to get their children involved in positive activities such as sports.

East Los Angeles

Items Donated: 663

Children Impacted: 500+

This gift of tennis equipment included tennis racquets, tennis balls, tennis clothing and related tennis supplies. Communities benefiting from this gift include Compton, Crenshaw and Watts. Watts is part of Los Angeles and is famed for its participation in the riots of 1992 and 1968. It is a very poor community. The students receive free lunch. The high school is surrounded by three projects and gang violence is a typical part of their day. Many students are tempted to join gangs, so this after school tennis program offers these students a better way of life. The tennis equipment was provided to volunteer teachers organizing a tennis program for the children.

Huntington Beach

Items Donated: 78

Children Impacted: 78+

This gift of sports equipment included new balls, mitts, clothing and other sports equipment as holiday gifts to disadvantaged children in Orange County. The goal of this program is to provide a safe home and nurturing environment for homeless women and children in which they can receive the

supportive services needed to achieve self-sufficiency. All of the children in the program were homeless before entering. Many have experienced domestic violence and substance abuse.

Irvine

Items Donated: 185

Children Impacted: 185+

This gift of sports equipment included new balls, mitts, clothing and other sports equipment as holiday gifts to disadvantaged children. The goal of this program is to assist families in financial crisis to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through housing, food, career coaching, counseling and other supportive services. The families served are all low-income and have minor aged children. Many of the children don't have the opportunity to be involved in sports; the parents are barely making it day to day with the most basic necessities.



Los Angeles

Items Donated: 340

Children Impacted: 250+

This gift of sports equipment included new and used balls, mitts, clothing and other sports equipment to provide sports programs for the children and to provide as holiday gifts to disadvantaged children. This program is an emergency shelter for adult and child victims of domestic violence and substance abuse. The shelter provides counseling, on-site substance abuse treatment counseling and education, peer support groups, case management, legal, healthcare and other services. They also offer a 24-hour hotline. Most of the children in the shelter have left all of their personal belongings behind. The shelter provides the basic necessities for families and the sports equipment will be used to help children feel stable and safe and enjoy themselves.

Los Angeles

Items Donated: 48

Children Impacted: 400+

This gift of basketballs, footballs, baseball equipment and playground items was given to a homeless shelter in Los Angeles. The program is located in the center of Los Angeles Skid Row and serves to provide shelter and meals to the homeless. The program benefits children of all ages and ethnic backgrounds. For these homeless people some of the challenges they face include alcoholism, cocaine addiction and physical and emotional abuse. Sports Gift provides an alternative from these routes.

Los Angeles

Items Donated: 162

Children Impacted: 80+

This gift of sports equipment included

basketballs, uniforms and other supplies to disadvantaged children in Los Angeles. This program helps teens in inner city Los Angeles with job and life training and helps them obtain a high school degree in an area where that is rare. They are implementing a physical education course with the sports equipment to act as a distraction from the negative activities that can be tempting to these teens.

Orange

Items Donated: 116

Children Impacted: 116+

This gift of sports equipment included new balls, mitts, clothing and other sports equipment as holiday gifts to disadvantaged children. This program attempts to provide homes, care, treatment, and supportive services for abused, neglected and emotionally troubled children and their families. Almost all of these families are low-income and the living conditions affect many aspects of the children with education, social behavior and health.

Orange County

Items Donated: 394

Children Impacted: 400+

This gift of basketball equipment included basketballs and uniforms and was for underprivileged children in Santa Ana, California. This program aims to revitalize neglected neighborhoods. Along with placing a net on any hoop they see, the program educates disadvantaged youth about a multitude of health care professions, with an emphasis on physical therapy. They restore the recreation areas, then host clinics, tournaments, trainings and other events to spark new energy in the community.

Placentia

Items Donated: 51

Children Impacted: 51+

This gift of sports equipment included new balls, mitts, clothing and other sports equipment as holiday gifts to disadvantaged children. This program assists homeless families, couples and individuals to regain self-sufficiency through housing, training, counseling and personal support. Some of the children have never had stability nor attended school. Students are tutored and provided with books and school supplies. The ultimate goal is to achieve self-sufficiency.

Santa Ana

Items Donated: 79

Children Impacted: 79+

This gift of sports equipment included new balls, mitts, clothing and other sports equipment as holiday gifts to disadvantaged children. The goal of this program is to change the way America cares for the children and families by providing and promoting a continuum of care that strengthens mind, body and spirit. They provide help for families that are being torn apart by violence, drug abuse, behavioral conflicts and criminal acts. They focus on counseling for children both long and short term to provide them with a safe, healthy environment.

Tustin

Items Donated: 53

Children Impacted: 53+

This gift of sports equipment included new balls, mitts, clothing and other sports equipment as holiday gifts to disadvantaged children. This organization provides poor, needy people with guidance, counseling, education, job training, shelter, food,

clothing, health care and independent living communities. Children that come often lack basic necessities such as a home, food and clothes. The organization provides them with everything they need to be a part of a loving family and do well in school. Their parents are taught how to be good parents, how to handle family finances, how to successfully hold a job, and vocational skills that will help them support their family.

West Covina

Items Donated: 327

Children Impacted: 327+

This gift of sports equipment included new balls, mitts, clothing and other sports equipment as holiday gifts to disadvantaged children in the Los Angeles area. This program is serves disadvantaged latino families in southern California. The program desires every child to have love and permanency in their family. Many children are unable to live with their parents due to parental abuse and neglect. Children are either reunited with their birth families and in other cases foster families can usually make the homes permanent through adoption.

Mexico

Baja

Items Donated: 1,092

Children Impacted: 500+



This gift of sports equipment included softballs, bats, cleats, catchers gear, uniforms and other equipment. Baja, Mexico has communities with extreme poverty with families living in shacks with no electricity or running water. The goal of this program is to provide food, clothing, toys, recreation and spiritual support to the children living in poverty in this community.

Baja

Items Donated: 434

Children Impacted: 150+

This gift of softball equipment included bats, cleats, softballs, batting gloves, t-shirts, bases and other equipment was given to a small fishing town in Mexico. Though the town does not have much to provide for its youth, the children remain happy and eager to learn. The recreation girl's softball league hopes to get children ages 6 to 14 off the dirt streets and onto the softball diamond. The softball league gives them a place to be inspired by life's endless opportunities.



El Sauzal

Items Donated: 1,080

Children Impacted: 500+

This gift of sports equipment included

softballs, bats, cleats, catchers gear, uniforms and other equipment for children in Baja, Mexico. El Sauzal is about 15 minutes north of Ensenada in Baja, Mexico. This program goes to the economically challenged areas of Baja and operates a girl's softball league to teach the kids and teens to play, and have good leadership and teamwork skills. The city is very small and most parents fish for a living. The kids play in the dirty streets and live in humble homes and the city is unable to provide them with positive activities.

El Sauzal

Items Donated: 198

Children Impacted: 200+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer equipment such as balls, uniforms, basketball, volleyballs, footballs and playground sports equipment. This was given to an orphanage in El Sauzal, Mexico which was thrilled to get new jerseys that just happened to be the orphanage's colors! Soccer balls were also given to members of the surrounding community. Young men taught soccer, and many other skills to the children. The foundation of their soccer coaching was a strong team, working as one unit to demonstrate that success can be achieved through team work. Though this family run orphanage has many dreams for the future, they are greatly limited by expenses. One of their goals is simply to offer breakfast to the starving children in the community, so a gift as nice as this sports equipment meant a lot.

Ensenada and Tijuana

Items Donated: 247

Children Impacted: 750+

This gift of sports equipment included softballs, bats, cleats, catchers gear,

uniforms and other equipment to support orphanages in Tijuana and Ensenada. The living conditions are extremely poor and the orphanages provide an escape for the children from abandonment, homelessness or abusive parents. Over 14 orphanages are supported by this program; 9 in Tijuana and 5 in Ensenada, including providing food, water, education, medical care and housing.

Tijuana

Items Donated: 399

Children Impacted: 200+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms cleats, shin guards, basketballs, playground equipment and other equipment for children at an orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico. The orphanage takes in children who have been abandoned or otherwise lost their parents to give them a home and the resources, protection and environment to grow. The living conditions for the children are very poor, so it is a very special gift for them to get sports equipment.

Tijuana

Items Donated: 35

Children Impacted: 850+

This gift of volleyballs and jerseys helped to create the first annual Amistad (friendship) Volleyball Tournament in Marua, Mexico, a suburb of Tijuana. Marua is a poor industrial community where most inhabitants are factory workers or unemployed. Most youth lack resources that would enable them to be productive adults- quality education, medical care and positive role models are foreign. However, sports can distract the youth from their dismal circumstances, steer them away from drug trade violence and teach self-confidence and morals determination and hope.

Central and South America

Columbia

Items Donated: 736

Children Impacted: 800+

This sports equipment will support a youth soccer program in Barranquilla, Columbia, which assists vulnerable boys and girls. The children that live in this community are from low-income neighborhoods and constantly exposed to activities that negatively affect their development. Drugs, gangs, violence, sexual abuse and prostitution in combination with lack of positive role models and an excess of free time negatively impact their ability to improve their life situation. This program uses sports to assist children in gaining valuable life lessons and avoiding negative distractions around them. This program provides soccer tournaments and games for the children as well as educational programs, psychological guidance, and nutritional supplements.

Costa Rica

Items Donated: 48

Children Impacted: 50+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, and playground equipment, was sent to an orphanage just outside of San Jose, Costa Rica. These children have been abandoned by their parents. The orphanage schools the children academically as well as spiritually and now plans to host a camp with the kids with this new sports equipment.

Cuba

Items Donated: 197

Children Impacted: 100+

This gift of sports equipment included bats, cleats, softballs, batting gloves, soccer equipment and other sports equipment. Cuba has a closed-door system of trade and many resources such as sports equipment

are not generally available to families living in poverty. Cuba still operates their food distribution by a rationing system.

Dominican Republic

Items Donated: 6,604

Children Impacted: 6,000+

This gift of sports equipment included baseballs, bats, mitts, uniforms, catchers gear, basketballs, volleyballs, running shoes and other sports equipment. The sports equipment was given to Santo Domingo where large families of 2-5 kids live in terrible conditions. The majority of the families live in the cities gutters along with contaminated water and filth, while many other families live just beyond the city of Santo Domingo. Here, in "La Canada," the wealth of Santo Domingo is completely gone, replaced with alcoholism, prostitution and child abuse.

Dominican Republic

Items Donated: 90

Children Impacted: 100+

This gift included baseballs, bats, batting helmets, mitts and other baseball supplies. This gift was made to an orphanage in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

El Salvador

Items Donated: 128

Children Impacted: 100+

This gift of soccer balls, cleats and uniforms went to help a week-long camp of children ages 10-14 in San Runan, El Salvador. This week away from families and their impoverished lifestyle is very beneficial for the kids who not only learn soccer, but many other life skills. The program includes teachers, athletes and artists who have two main goals: to improve soccer experience, and to empower the youth.

Guatemala

Items Donated: 101

Children Impacted: 100+

This gift of sports equipment included basketballs, uniforms and coaching supplies. The goal of this program is to expose children to sports when they would otherwise not have the opportunity. The population of Panajachel is only 15,000 and the monthly income for a family of 8 is under \$170. There are only 2 primary schools and no middle or high schools. The dropout rate for primary schools is 70%. There are no playgrounds or sports for all teenagers and kids. There is a high crime rate and rising drug addiction among teens. People live in shacks with dirt floors, outhouses and cook outdoors. Kids who go to school also work full days in the fields. There is a 50% death rate for infants. Child labor starts at age 9 and the illiteracy rate is 30%. There are 33 soccer teams with kids and teens that play for free each weekend.

Honduras

Items Donated: 840

Children Impacted: 800+

This gift of sports equipment included T-shirts, running shoes and warm ups. This community is on the small island of Roatan, which has a population of 100,000, a large



portion of whom are impoverished. This program works with impoverished children in the community to provide education and other services, however the children still receive limited education and very few recreational activities.

Honduras

Items Donated: 439

Children Impacted: 300+

This gift included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, shin guards, basketballs, baseball supplies and other sports equipment. This gift was made to a Peace Corp volunteer serving in the village of San Marcos Guaimaca, Francisco Morazán in Honduras. She is organizing a sports program as part of her teaching service in the village. There are no paved roads, no electricity, no telephones, no stores or markets in the village, with the nearest community with traditional stores being 1.5 hours away. Most girls in Honduras have never played organized sports, so this is a very special gift.

Peru

Items Donates: 109

Children Impacted: 100+

This gift of soccer and basketball equipment was given to help this community on the shore of the Pequeni River in Emberra, Peru, which greatly struggles financially. Due to the poverty, the children are limited in activities, but enjoy coloring and making up games. The community is very poor and most families live on less than \$100 per month. Families live in traditional hut like houses and the children like to color, play in the nearby river, and play basketball. This gift will greatly add to the games that they can play in their community.

Africa

Djibouti

Items Donated: 556

Children Impacted: 200+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, shin guards and coaching supplies. This is a small, developing country with a population of 500,000 people. There is high unemployment, poor health care, lack of education opportunities, and an absence of natural resources. The children here are usually over weight due to a sedentary lifestyle and lack of sport activities and healthy diets. The athletic activities outside of school ban girls and there is often fighting between boys. This program is trying to start a football (soccer) club with the donated sports equipment. Soccer is the most popular program in Djibouti but the communities struggle to find the funds to support local sport programs.

Ethiopia

Items Donated: 26

Children Impacted: 20+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls and uniforms. This program in Mekedle, Ethiopia serves impoverished children. The goal of this program is to build houses and support the children. This sports equipment is for a team of 20 teenage boys who play soccer.

Ghana

Items Donated: 878

Children Impacted: 2,000+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, shin guards and coaching supplies. This village in Ghana is the poorest tribe in the nation (the Mo tribe) and people live in huts, they only have two wells for their village of 100,000 people. They are working on getting clean water and just

received electricity in the village. There is no sewer, running water or garbage dump. It is a privilege to go to school because not many families can afford it. They have 1 torn apart soccer ball for the entire village and the schools lack supplies too.

Kenya

Items donated: 253

Children impacted: 100+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, basketballs and volleyballs for two orphanages. The Nyeri community in Kenya suffers from severe poverty. These children were abandoned and live and play at this orphanage / school. Their living conditions are very bad, but the orphanage does have a basketball court to play on and the children love to play soccer and basketball.

Kenya

Items Donated: 971

Children Impacted: 500+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, shin guards, basketballs and coaching supplies for two orphanages. The mission of this program is to improve the living standards of some vulnerable children from the streets and improve them through different activities like sports to promote a sense of unity amongst them. Most people of the community are surrounded by poverty and starvation so the children end up roaming the streets searching for things such as a meal, a blanket, shelter and medical care. This program provides for the basic necessities and education for these children. The sports equipment is being used to help the kids play in local tournaments and events to experience a structured sports program.

Kenya

Items Donated: 380

Children Impacted: 100

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, shin guards, basketballs and coaching supplies. This program is located in Accra, Kenya and deals with protection, development rights and welfare of children. Soccer is their mechanism of achieving these goals since children love to play sports. There are two locations in Kenya, both are inhabited by people living below minimum income level and as a result become deprived due to poverty.

Malawi

Items Donated: 300

Children Impacted: 800+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, volleyballs and other sports equipment. A United Nations report named Malawi as the second poorest nation of the world. The sports equipment was provided to youth programs in small villages. When the soccer equipment is provided the entire village comes out to play.

Malawi

Items Donated: 125

Children Impacted: 1000+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, volleyballs, footballs and coaching supplies. This program provides assistance to build schools, clean water wells and other support for families in the community.

Malawi

Items Donated: 363

Children Impacted: 150

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats and other sports

equipment. This sports equipment will be used to provide equipment and educational materials to instruct and introduce children at several orphanages to new sports. There are multiple orphanages benefiting from this gift where the kids will be taught sports as well as responsibility and other life lessons. Malawi is one of the least developed and most densely populated areas and life expectancy is very low but birth rates are still very high. There is also a high portion of the population with AIDS and the literacy rate is also low. Sports can drastically help improve the quality of life and education for the children of this country.

Malawi

Items Donated: 382

Children Impacted: 200+

This gift of soccer equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, volleyballs, basketballs, jerseys and running shoes. This gift was made to the communities of Lilongwe and Blantyre in Malawi. This program works in orphanages, prisons, child based and other similar groups through the common theme of sports. The majority of the much needed sports equipment will be used to get the children involved in organized sports.

Rwanda

Items Donated: 105

Children Impacted: 300+

This gift of soccer equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, volleyballs, basketballs,

jerseys and shoes. The program attempts to affect people by assisting them in spiritual emptiness, self-serving leadership, extreme poverty, pandemic diseases and rampant illiteracy. This sports equipment will go to children at refugee camps and hospitals in Rwanda.

Uganda

Items Donated: 574

Children Impacted: 300+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, basketballs, volleyballs and coaching supplies. The Otinowaa children's village is located in Northern Uganda. The village is small and rural and growing rapidly.

Uganda

Items Donated: 24

Children impacted: 600+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer ball and other sports equipment. This community is located in the Iganga District of Uganda. Children often play with balls made from strips of cloth or plastic. The communities of interest are in the rural areas with a lot of young and adolescent children. The sports equipment will be used in organized soccer tournaments at schools. The goal is to gather adults and children under a fun atmosphere to raise awareness about important issues including safe water, sanitation and malaria awareness.

Uganda

Items Donated: 712

Children Impacted: 500+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, shin guards, coaching supplies and playground equipment. The sports equipment will go to an orphanage called New Hope. This is where children without homes and families attend school and church and live.





Zambia

Items Donated: 338

Children Impacted: 100+

This gift of sports equipment included basketballs, volleyballs, uniforms and coaching supplies. This program is located in Mufuiia, Zambia, a community built around a copper mine. Fairview Falcons provides an integrated approach to sports for youths from marginalized and resource poor families. They also offer knowledge and awareness against HIV/AIDS infectious diseases through educational opportunities for the youths through a comprehensive mentorship program. The city where the sports equipment is going has a population of 122,336. This city has a large youth population with the majority unemployed. Therefore, drug abuse and exploitation of young girls is rampant. This organization is trying to address the needs of the youth while at the same time to encourage them towards the game of basketball.

South Pacific and Indonesia

Fiji

Items Donated: 693

Children Impacted: 600+

This gift of sports equipment included footballs, uniforms, basketballs, volleyballs

and coaching supplies. Rugby is the national sport in Fiji, so the children love that sport. The program will be setting up different sport teams among the various villages. Approximately 15 villages will compete and create better interactions and relations.

Indonesia

Items Donated: 2,022

Children Impacted: 1,000+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, running shoes and other sports equipment. This region experienced an earthquake in September destroying many communities on top of the devastating destruction of the 2004 tsunami. This program uses the sports equipment as a way to build up the children of the community.

Indonesia

Items Donated: 181

Children Impacted: 1,000+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, volleyballs, footballs and playground equipment. Sports Gift has been supporting this community on the island of Sumba, Indonesia for over five years and our continuing donations in 2009 provided sports equipment to equip additional schools for the children in this very poor community. Sumba is one of the poorest islands in Indonesia. The people of Sumba live in poverty with no running water or electricity and none of the conveniences we experience in the United States. A lack of clean water contributes to serious health risks and disease on the island. Sumba has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the world, where 40% of the children die before the age of eight. 65% of the children are malnourished and half of the children drop out of school by the fourth grade.



Malaria is a major disease on the island and in the most severe cases can leave the victim with permanent brain damage. There are a number of schools on the island, but they are in a state of disrepair with leaking roofs and holes in the floors.

Myanmar

Items Donated: 151

Children Impacted: 50+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms and playground equipment. This equipment was given to the Wa orphanage in Lashio, Myanmar. The population is 100,000 and the per capita annual income is less than \$1,900. The average working wage is just \$1.00 per day.

Myanmar

Items Donated: 28

Children Impacted: 100+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls and playground equipment. The communities in the delta region of Myanmar (formerly Burma) were torn apart by cyclones and now don't have much. This program will use the sports equipment as an outreach tool to children and their families.

Philippines

Items Donated: 745

Children Impacted: 300+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, volleyballs, basketballs, tennis equipment, running shoes and other equipment. The villages of Carcer, Cebu are located in central Philippines.

The islands of Tawi-Tawi are located in the southern Philippines and consist of about 300 small islands. The goal of this program is to provide humanitarian aid such as educational, medical and athletic, assistance to underprivileged people. This sports equipment will be donated to schools and sports teams in the local villages. 90% of the people in this area live in poverty. Fishing and farming are the source of income for most. Most sports teams in the area have little to no equipment.

Samoa

Items Donated: 1,357

Children Impacted: 1,000+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer equipment, basketball and volleyball equipment, running shoes, t-shirts and warm ups. After the tsunami hit Samoa, many homes were destroyed, lives lost and belongings went missing. This is being used to rebuild the morale of the children through sports and provide them with toys they lost in the tsunami. The living conditions were bad before the tsunami but now they are at an all time low. Many schools, fields etc were

destroyed. The gift of equipment went to the villages where the children have nothing or very little left after the tsunami.

Middle East

Afghanistan

Items Donated: 31

Children Impacted: 500+

This gift of soccer balls, volleyballs was given to a US military officer to distribute in Afghanistan. The children have rundown school buildings, a few brave teachers and minimal or no electricity. However, sports are popular and will brighten the lives of hundreds of children.

Iraq

Items Donated: 23

Children Impacted: 80+

This gift of sports equipment included soccer balls, volleyballs, basketballs, footballs, baseball equipment and playground equipment. These items were distributed on and around Victory Base, in Baghdad, Iraq. The equipment helped to improve and develop community relations between the US military and the local families in the community.

Iraq

Items Donated: 263

Children Impacted: 100+

This gift included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats, shin guards and playground equipment. The gift was given to a US marine platoon stationed in the outskirts of Baghdad in Iraq to give to the children living in the community. The living conditions are horrible with no running water or electricity and much of the community has been destroyed by war leaving families in tents and mud huts. The marine reported that you can look into these kids eyes and see they haven't been happy for a long time, if ever.

Other Regions

Bangladesh

Items Donated: 315

Children Impacted: 100+

This gift included soccer balls, uniforms, cleats and other sports equipment.

This gift was made to an orphanage in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The program builds playgrounds for the children and the sports equipment is being used to provide organized sports for the children.

India

Items Donated: 209

Children Impacted: 200+

This gift of soccer equipments, volleyballs, basketballs and playground equipment were used to benefit the community of children and adults that is created when they come to the hospitals in Mumbai to get treatment for serious diseases. The hospitals in India are often able to help treat children with chronic diseases, but the parents and family members who accompany their children are left to live on the surrounding streets. Due to this problem, "child centres" have been created as a recovery area for the children and their families. During this emotionally and physically draining time, a fun game of soccer can mean so much. Their families can use this equipment to distress from the heavy burden of an ill family member.



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