



Summer
2016
HIGHLIGHTS



Thanks to your support, hundreds of Lawrence youth benefitted from quality sport, health, and leadership opportunities this summer



Over 500 hours of sponsored, instructional play



324 Lawrence youth reached



\$115,000 in donor scholarships and partner support



First annual Lawrence Sports Leadership Academy



22 community partners



Hosted first parent-child 'Cooking Matters' course



\$14,930 provided for youth employment



1,400 lunches distributed



"Now my child and I have a special bond through food and healthy eating thanks to Beyond Soccer!"

-Yanette

★ Our 6th Annual Soccer & Wellness Camp for 107 kids, ages 4-12, kicked off with a memorable ribbon cutting, marking the opening of the City's first youth dedicated soccer field. This camp also employed 15 high school students as Junior Coaches.

★ A biweekly tennis pilot guaranteed that the City's typically empty courts were full of eager elementary, middle and high school youth.

★ Our collaborative Sports Leadership Academy kids benefitted from 4 different sports, plus yoga, Zumba, speed and agility sessions, and found motivation from former professional athletes and coaches, like Doc Simpson of the Boston Breakers, during our speaker series.

★ A new partnership with Get Burly, Inc. brought 11 high school students to Maine for an inspiring and challenging overnight leadership retreat and whitewater rafting adventure.

★ Good Sports and hummel kicked off their nationwide equipment distribution effort in Lawrence with a donation of 300 new soccer balls.

★ Some summertime partners included Boston College Eagles, Harvard University Crimson Soccer, Cooking Matters, Lawrence H.S. Athletic Department, Everyone's A Player, Si Se Peude, Boston Soccer Academy, Nike Vogelsinger, Mass Youth Soccer, Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy, Lawrence Summer Feeding Program, and Dream Big.

At Beyond Soccer, we prioritize frequent and consistent engagement. This summer, more than 65% of our participants benefitted from 3+ weeks of sport, health, and leadership opportunities.

Meet Liah

Beyond Soccer partners with organizations with aligning missions that fuel kids' interests and talents over the summer months. Meet 8th grade Lawrence Public School student and 4-year Beyond Soccer student, Liah.

Liah has taken her experience at the Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy (JFSLA) very seriously, especially as it relates to community and giving back. Since returning from JFSLA, a \$1,000 scholarship made possible through Beyond Soccer, Liah has been diligently researching startups and seeking guidance from Beyond Soccer in an effort to launch her own nonprofit to raise awareness and support for girls living in extreme poverty.

With your help, we will continue to provide and connect Lawrence kids, like Liah, with experiences that expand their horizons, spark new passions, and get them on a healthier path.

We're in the News!

"It was the best thing that ever happened to me," said Melissa, referring to her participation in Beyond Soccer.

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