# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT





**LPF** | LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD B A L T I M O R E

### **OUR MISSION & VISION**

#### **Our Mission**

LPF redistributes equipment to expand access and equity within youth sports and recreation programs in under-resourced communities.

#### **Our Vision**

A world with no sidelines.

# A LOOK BACK AT 2022

Dear Friends,

Last year, as our warehouses filled back up with PE teachers and coaches, we heard the same challenge across programs. Many kids' social-emotional learning skills and physical health are still stunted from the pandemic.

In response to these continued challenges, we have seen renewed efforts to make youth sports and recreation more accessible, especially for students in under-resourced communities. As a result, LPF experienced unprecedented demand for our equipment resources and we had our busiest year yet. We cannot thank our donors, volunteers, teams, businesses, families, and overall community enough for the support in 2022 which has helped us get more kids off the sidelines across all three of our markets.

#### Here are some highlights from the past year:

- We added to our team Luke Weierbach joined LPF Baltimore as our new Program Director in May 2022 & hit the ground running!
- **\$1 MIL/ \$1 MIL Milestone** LPF Baltimore collected AND distributed over \$1 million worth of sporting equipment in 2022!
- Even more programs served Through increased outreach efforts, LPF Baltimore was able to engage and serve 325 unique schools, sports leagues, and youth programs in need a new water mark for our warehouse!

We are incredibly proud of the entire LPF team and the impact we continue to have in our local communities. In the year ahead, we strive to bring our much needed resources to more communities across the country. On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we appreciate your support and hope you join us in our efforts to get more kids off the sidelines in 2023!

With gratitude,

Max Leiter

**MAX LEVITT** Founder/Executive Director

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**KAITLIN BRENNAN** Director of Operations







LUKE WEIERBACH Program Director

**BRANDON WRIGHT** *Program Associate* 

# **2022 BY THE NUMBERS**



### \$1.1 MIL + COLLECTED

1,119,473 worth of sporting equipment was generously donated to the LPF Baltimore warehouse



### **1 MIL + DISTRIBUTED**

\$1,095,790 worth of sporting equipment was distributed to various schools, leagues, and programs in need throughout Greater Baltimore



### **325 PROGRAMS IMPACTED**

325 unique schools, sports leagues, rec centers, and other programs were able to access our sporting equipment resources



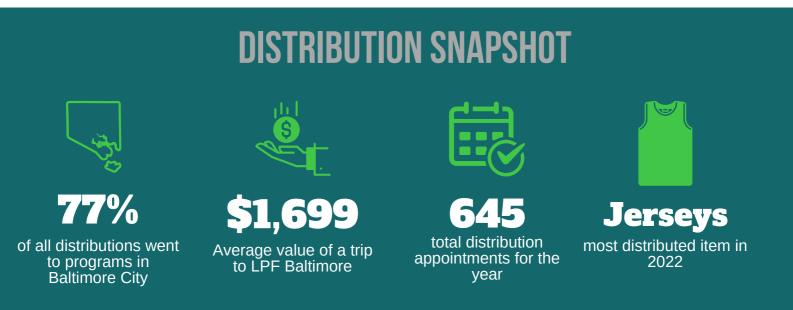
### **122 NEW PROGRAMS**

122 new programs successfully went through the application process and received equipment donations



### **473 VOLUNTEERS**

Over 473 volunteers lent their time and talent to helping LPF through inventorying & sorting sporting equipment



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# **LPF BALTIMORE TESTIMONIALS**

Here is what our beneficiaries are saying about our impact:



"Resources from LPF ensured that all of my students were able to gear up properly and feel serious about participating in our team. It has helped to promote a culture of respect and professionalism, and a desire to learn the rules of the game."

- Martin Rabot, Patterson Park Public Charter



"Most of my girls cannot afford the equipment after paying the registration fee. So, I throw in the equipment for them so that they can participate. This is a great resource for all. It does allow me to allocate funds to transportation, tournaments, league fees, and field use."

- George Roycroft, Baltimore City Gators Lacrosse



"Throughout the year, donations support introductory and developmental experiences for baseball, basketball, soccer, running and tennis. The major impact LPF has [on our program] is for every child to have the equipment during practices, allowing for high involvement, fun and learning for each athlete."

- Jeffrey Dugan, Friends of Carroll Park

# **LPF BALTIMORE GRANTEES**

LPF donated sporting equipment to the following programs in 2022:

10:12 Sports Abbottson Elementary Aberdeen Bulldogs Youth Football Academy for College and Career Exploration Access Art. Inc Alexis I DuPont High School Allegheny County Division of Veteran Services Annapolis High School Lacrosse Antietam Academy Arbutus Middle School Armistead Gardens Ele/Mid School #243 Arrow Center for Education Cromwell Bridge At The House, Inc. Augusta Fells Savage Institute of the Visual Arts Autism Youth Basketball League Ballenger Creek Middle School **Baltimore Bearcats Baltimore Bengals** Baltimore City College **Baltimore City Gators** Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys **Baltimore Highlands Elementary** Baltimore International Academy West Baltimore Lab School Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women Baltimore Rams Youth and Adult Football Organization Baltimore Sports Academy

**Baltimore Terps** Baltimore Urban Gardening with Students Bamiria, Inc. Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation Barclay Elementary/Middle School Bard High School Early College **Battle Monument School** Bay-Brook Elementary/Middle School Bel Air Elementary School **Belmont Elementary** Benjamin Franklin High School **Bentalou Recreation Center** Berlin Intermediate School **Bester Elementary Binghamton CSD Lacrosse BLAX LAX Baltimore** Booker T. Washington Middle School for the Arts/BELL **Boonsboro Elementary School** Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore - Westport Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore - Webster Kendrick Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore- O'Donnell Heights Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington County Braddock Middle School **Broken Wall Project Buckingham Elementary School** C.H. Flowers High School **Campos Sports** Cascade Elementary School

Catonsville Middle School CC Jackson Recreation Center Cecil Kirk Recreation Center Cecil Owls **Central High School** Challenge 2 Change Inc. **Charm City Buccaneers** CHARMERS LACROSSE **Cherry Hill Eagles Foundation Cherry Hill Recreation Center** Church of the Redemption City Springs Elementary/Middle Claremont Middle/High School **Clear Spring Elementary School CMNTY Sports Collington Square** Elementary/Middle School #97 Columbia Association Youth and **Teen Center** Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle School Community Art Collaborative Connexions A Community Based Arts School Corner Team, Inc. Determined To Make A Change **Digital Harbor High School** Dr. Nathan A. Pitts Ashburton E/M School Dream Big Inc. **Dundalk High School** Edgewood High School Edmondson Village Youth Academy Jaguars Edmondson Westside High School Ella Bailey Recreation Center





# LPF BALTIMORE GRANTEES (continued)

Elmer A. Henderson: A Johns Hopkins Partnership School Emma K. Doub Elementary School Erik Williams Foundation **FAEDOM 809** FCA Park Heights Saints Featherbed Lane Elementary Community School Fitness Fun & Games Flintstone Elementary School Forest Park High School Fort Worthington Elementary/Middle School FOUNDATION ONE HUG AT A TIME Fountain Rock Elementary School Fountaindale Elementary School Francis Scott Key Elementary Middle School Frederick Douglass High School Frederick High School Friends of Carroll Park Friends of Patterson Park Friends School of Baltimore **Fundacion Asistiendo** Estudiantes D Fundacion Los Ninos de Maria, Inc **Furley Elementary School** Furman Templeton Preparatory Academy Galena Elementary School GameOn!Fitness Gardenville Baseball League General John Stricker Middle School George Washington Elementary School George's Creek Elementary School Girls in the Game **GLA** Academy Glen Burnie High School Glenmount Elementary/Middle School Golden Ring Middle School **Gray Charles Hornets** Greater Grace World Outreach Greens Inergy Grind Hard ENRICHMENT Program Hamilton Elementary Middle School

Hampstead Hill Academy Hancock Elementary School Harford Heights Elementary School Harlem Lacrosse - ACCE Harlem Lacrosse - James McHenry Harlem Park Elementary Middle School Helping Up Mission Hereford Middle School **HHS Eagles Boys Lacrosse Hickory Elementary School** Highlandtown #215 Holabird Academy Holabird Middle School Holistic Life Foundation House of Ruth iCARRe Foundation James Mosher Little League John Humbird Elementary School John Ruhrah Elementary School Jonathan Hager Elementary School Joseph C Briscoe Academy Judy Center - Harford Heights Elementary Katherine Johnson Global Academy KEYS Empowers, Inc. Kindness Connected Lakeland Middle School Lakewood Elementary School Lansdowne Elementary School Lansdowne High School Lansdowne Middle School Leader Breeders Inc. Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center Inc Level Up Inc. Lewes Little League Liberty Elementary School Libraries Without Borders- US Lillian Jones Recreation Center Lincolnshire Elementary School Little Flowers Early Childhood & **Development Center** Little Lights Urban Ministries Living Classrooms Foundation Under Armour House Living Classrooms Patterson Park House Long Reach High School

Maces Lane Middle School Lacrosse Club Margaret Brent Regional School Mars Estates Elementary School Mary E. Rodman Recreation Center Maryland Wolverines Youth **Enrichment Program** Maugansville Elementary School McCallum Lacrosse Club **Booster Organization** Medfield Recreation Center Mergenthaler Vocational Tech **High School** Middle River Middle School Midtown Academy Millbrook Elementary **MissionFit** Mount Savage Middle School Mt. Royal Elementary Middle School National Academy Foundation Ndhiwa Soccer Academy New Era Academy 1 New Song Community Learning Center New Town High School Athletics Next One Up No Struggle No Success, Inc. North Bend Elementary Middle School #81 North County High School North Point HS NorthBay Education Inc. Northeast Consortium Lacrosse Club Northeast High School Northeast Youth Baseball League Northern Maryland FCA Northwood Baseball League, Inc. Northwood Recreation Center **Ocean City Elementary** Old Forge Elementary School **Old Mill Youth Athletics** Oldtown Gators Community **Development Corporation OLP COBRAS FOOTBALL INC** Or Haner **Orioles Advocates Overlea Fullerton** Youth Football

# LPF BALTIMORE GRANTEES (continued)

**Overlea High School Owings Mills High School** Paint Branch High School Pangborn Elementary School Park Heights Academy Parkside Warriors Youth Mentoring & Sports Parkville High School Parkville Middle School Parkville Recreation Council Inc. Patapsco High School Patapsco Recreation Center Patterson High School Patterson Park Public Charter School Paul Lawrence Dunbar HS **PeacePlayers Baltimore** Pequea Valley Youth Football Association Pequea Valley Youth Soccer Association Perry Hall Middle School **Pikesville High School Pikesville Wildcats Youth** Football and Cheer Pine Grove Elementary Pittsburgh Rhinos Blind Hockey Pocomoke Elementary School Pocomoke High School Pocomoke Middle School Port VLA Potomac Heights **Elementary School** Reach! Partnership High School Reginald F Lewis High School Renaissance Academy High School **Ridgely Middle School Rising Sun High School** Robert C. Marshall **Recreation Center** Robert R. Gray Elementary School **Roca Baltimore Rockland Woods Elementary School** 

Sandy Plains Elementary Scotts Branch Elementary School SEED School of Maryland Serendipity Healthcare Sharebaby Sharp-Leadenhall Elmentary/School #314 Showell Elementary School Simon Says Shoot Hoops Not Guns After School Program Sinclair Lane Elementary School Smithsburg Elementary School Smithsburg High School Snow Hill Elementary School Snow Hill Middle School Soccer to Achieve Soccer Without Borders - Baltimore Southwest Academy Southwest Baltimore Charter School Southwest Seminoles Southwest Sports and Fitness Alliance c/o SWP Special Olympics Maryland St Francis Neighborhood Center St. Frances Academy St. Ignatius Loyola Academy Stampéd Athletics Storm Chasers Field Hockey Club Sudbrook Magnet Middle School Team B.I.G. Tennis Alliance of Anne Arundel County The Agoge Project The Avenue Bears The Baltimore Football Academy Inc The Crossroads Middle School The Empowerment Academy The Family Recovery Program, Inc. The First Tee of Greater Baltimore The Mr Mack Lewis Foundation The Stadium School The Volo City Kids Foundation

Thomas Jefferson Elementary Middle School **Towanda Recreation Center Treign Academy Inc** True Family Football League Inc **UMAR Boxing Unmatched Athlete** Vanguard Collegiate Middle School Visions Select Baseball Walkersville Middle School Waverly Elementary Middle School Western High School Westport Academy Westport Patriots Organization Youth Development Wildcats Lacrosse Club William Penn High School Williamsport Elementary School Winfield Elementary School Wolfe St Academy Woodlawn High School Woodlawn Middle School World Lacrosse - Argentina World Lacrosse - Colombia World Lacrosse -Dominican Republic World Lacrosse - Ecuador World Lacrosse - Ghana World Lacrosse - Guatemala World Lacrosse - Haiti World Lacrosse - India World Lacrosse - Kenya World Lacrosse China World Lacrosse Italy World Lacrosse Jamaica World Lacrosse Korea World Lacrosse Nigeria World Lacrosse Rwanda World Lacrosse Spain World Lacrosse Sweden World Lacrosse- Uganda WV Stars Lacrosse Club York High Soccer Youth in Transition School

## NORTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE

In 2016, Coach Dennis Sullivan had a plan to grow the sport of lacrosse in his high school program. Teaming up with local elementary and middle school physical education teachers, Coach Sullivan came to LPF to grab expensive lacrosse gear to introduce the sport in PE classes.

As those student-athletes grew up, so did their love and passion for lacrosse. In 2022, Coach Sullivan and his team had their most successful season yet, winning their Regional Championships and reaching the State Quarterfinals!



# **COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATORS DAY**



In September, Leveling the Playing Field helped Baltimore City schools gear up for the 2022 school year by inviting local Community School Coordinators to the warehouse for an exclusive distribution event. In one day, 19 Community School Coordinator's attended and received over \$51,000 worth of backpacks, shirts, jackets, shorts, sports bras, socks, and many other items for their students.

Special thanks to the Baltimore Ravens & Under Armour for making this distribution event possible!

"We can use all these shirts and clothes to utilize as incentives for students. We can use these for students who may need a new backpack for school to make sure they bring all their supplies and they're prepared for success every day."

-Chelsea Pajardo, CSC at Dunbar High School





### **LPF BALTIMORE COLLECTION DRIVES** *LPF received sporting equipment from the following donors in 2022:*

Al Chande Alec Cronin Andrew Lingelbach Andrew Swerdlin Bachman Sports Complex Baltimore City FCA Baltimore City Gators Baltimore County Public Schools Baltimore Dropbox Baltimore Ravens Baltimore Ravens Baltimore Sport and Social Club Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation

Bell Branch Athletic Complex Betsy Rubenstein Blake Coddington Bob Evans Brandon Klein Buffy Minkin Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation

CareFirst Cedar Lane Regional Park Chris Plantec Christine Tramontana Clay Damon **Cleo Manuel Stamatos Compass Pointe Golf Course** Coppermine 4 Seasons **Coppermine Racquet & Fitness Corrigan Sports** Courtney Baker **Crofton High School** Dave Bouchard Debby Davis **Delivering Good** Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation Dick's Sporting Goods- Bel Air Dick's Sporting Goods- Columbia Dick's Sporting Goods- Crofton Dick's Sporting Goods- Hunt Valley

Drew Kallor Eastern Regional Park Elan Vogelstein Elite Tournaments Elizabeth Cooper Elyse Schraeder Erica Fitch Fellowship of Christian Athletes -Carroll County Freedom Consulting Group Freedom HKY Friends of Carroll Park Friends of Patterson Park Friends School of Baltimore Gabe Gerecke Garcelon Athletic Complex Genevro Doe **George Psarellis** Gilman School Grind Hard Enrichment Program



### LPF BALTIMORE COLLECTION DRIVES (continued)

Hamilton Baseball Hampden Elementary School Harford County Parks and Recreation Havre de Grace **Recreation Committee** Honeygo Elementary School Honeygo Run Regional Park Hord Coplan Macht Howard County Youth Programs Ice World Implus LLC Jeff Byerly Jenn St. Pierre Johns Hopkins Hospital - Radiology Johns Hopkins University Athletics Kathleen Wallace Kathryn Loller Kim Cashin Kiser **Kiwanis-Wallas Park** Kurt Overton Labrie Donor Lauri Richman Lily Haeberle Living Classrooms Patterson Park Loch Raven High School Long Reach Tennis Club M. Von Rieseman Maddie Moritz Manheim Township Football Mark Debnam Maryland Sports Commission Maryland State Youth Soccer Association

McIntyre Donor Merritt Club - Cranbrook Michael Kaiser Miles Heard Molly Abend Morgan Stanley - Baltimore Movement Columbia Movement Hampden **Movement Team Movement Timonium** Mt. St. Joseph's High School Newtown's Kleats 4 Kids Nick Weatherhold Northern Maryland FCA Northwest Regional Park OA Sports LLC **OLP COBRAS FOOTBALL INC Orioles Advocates** Park Heights Little League Parkville High School Patti Oltmann **Pikesville High School** Rachel Berger **Rachel Plotkin** Ravens Roost 52 Rebecca Casper Rebecca Reis **Reisterstown Sportsplex** Richard A. Robinson Sr **Rock Lacrosse** Roz and Leonard Moore **Rvan Kelchner** Saint Louis Church Sandra Strouss Sarah Chamberlain

Sarita Stein Severn School Severna Park High School Sheray Austin Sheri Hagen Soccer Without Borders Soccer.com South Carroll High School Southern High School Special Olympics Maryland Sports Unlimited St. Paul's School for Girls Stephanie London Stephen Lating Storm Hofstetter Susan Hackerman Terri Schulmeyer The Avenue Bears The First Tee of Greater Baltimore The Puck Foundation The Sports Bra Project The Sports Shed Theresa Engelbert **Towson University Athletics** Tyler Windsor Under Armour Union Craft Brewing **US** Lacrosse US Naval Academy Athletic Department Victoria DeVito Wai Shan Lau WMAR-2 News Youth in Transition School Zachary Loveridge





# **POP UP DISTRIBUTION EVENTS**



In an effort to expand our reach, Leveling the Playing Field has started to work with different Community Foundations across the state of Maryland. This year, LPF was able to host two different Pop-Up distribution events -- one for Worcester County in the Spring of 2022 and one in Washington County before the start of the new school year.

By packing up the gear into our Ravens-branded van and trailer, we were able to bring the warehouse experience out directly to those schools during their Professional Development Days.

Over these two distribution events, LPF distributed \$39,118 worth of equipment to 29 different schools in Worcester County and Washington County.

"The equipment is in great condition. They are things that I've had on my wish list but didn't have the funds to buy so I'm really looking forward to putting this into use in my classroom!"

-Brian Schultheis, Fountain Rock Elementary School





Community Foundation of Washington County MD, Inc. *Looking forward...giving back* 

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# **VOLUNTEERS**



"I enjoy volunteering at Leveling the Playing Field because it is a great organization which addresses a specific need in the community.

Through working in the warehouse, I can now see a direct impact through the coaches coming in and getting the equipment they need and the joy on their faces getting what they need for their children."

-Sean Dougherty, LPF Volunteer

Our accomplishments at LPF Baltimore would not be possible without the fantastic support we receive from the community through volunteerism. In 2022, LPF Baltimore welcomed over 470 volunteers to the warehouse to safely help inventory, sort, and organize incoming donations. Those volunteers accounted for 1,008 hours of service, directly impacting each program that received equipment from our warehouse.

We appreciate the many individuals and groups from all over the Greater Baltimore area that volunteered at the warehouse over the course of 2022 - we couldn't do it without you!

### LPF BALTIMORE SUPPORTERS \$20,000 & UP

Abell Foundation Baltimore Ravens Foundation Goldseker Foundation Henry and Ruth Blaustein Rosenberg Foundation Lockhart Vaughan Foundation Weinberg Foundation

### \$10,000 - \$19,999

CareFirst South Baltimore Gateway Partnership Meyerhoff Foundation

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Leidy Foundation Baltimore Community Foundation Kenneth & Gloria Friedman Charitable Fund

# **LPF BALTIMORE STAFF & ADVISORY BOARD**

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LPF Program Director

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# **LPF BALTIMORE FINANCIALS**

### Profit & Loss Statement

REVENUE	2022
Individual Contributions	\$24,117
Corporate Contributions	\$20,260
Private Foundation Contributions	\$189,852
Government Grants	\$18,152
Earned Income	\$0
GROSS PROFIT	\$252,382

EXPENSE	2022
Personnel	\$128,220
Facilities & Equipment	\$37,691
Contract Services	\$1,636
Supplies	\$20,416
Travel & Meetings	\$4,545
Advertising/Marketing	\$0
Postage & Mailing	\$116
Misc.	\$1,243
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$193,868

NET ORDINARY INCOME	2022
Total Revenue	\$252,382
Total Expense	\$193,868
NET INCOME	\$58,514



# PACK THE PARK EVENT

In April 2022, LPF Baltimore teamed up with WMAR-TV to present the first annual Pack the Park Collection Drive Event at Honeygo Run Regional Park. Throughout the day, donors brought their sports equipment to the park and learned more about LPF's recently placed metal donation bin at Honeygo.

LPF collected a total of \$17,470 of sports equipment from 8 AM to 6:30 PM. LPF also received a \$1,000 donation from the Scripps-Howard Foundation during the 6 PM newscast.

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