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2023 Annual Report
GREATER BALTIMORE

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Mission: Leveling the Playing Field redistributes equipment to expand access and equity within youth sports and recreation programs in under-resourced communities.

Vision: A world with no sidelines



Meet Donovan Dennis, LPF Baltimore Program Director

Donovan has always had a passion for sports and giving back to the community. Originally from upstate New York, Donovan played lacrosse and football, going on to play club lacrosse in college. Donovan completed his undergrad degree at Buffalo State and went onto graduate school at Canisius College, now known as Canisius University. After graduating with his Masters in Sport Administration Donovan was given a fellowship opportunity with the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference based in Edison, NJ. He then joined USA Lacrosse as their Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Manager. During his time at USAL he worked with LPF to provide teams and organizations with lacrosse equipment for youth players. Donovan joined LPF in summer 2023 and is excited to continue working to connect the youth with sports.



Meet Brandon Wright, LPF Baltimore Program Associate

Brandon is a Baltimore native who joined LPF Baltimore as the Program Associate in June of 2021. He earned his degree in Media and Communication Studies from UMBC and has professional experience in the sports, higher education, and communication fields. Brandon found LPF's mission inspiring, as it aligned with his goal to give back to and empower Baltimore through sports. He quickly moved from volunteer, to graduate school intern, to full-time Program Associate in the span of seven months.

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2023 BY THE NUMBERS

\$1,107,709

worth of sports equipment collected

\$1,012,671

worth of sports equipment distributed

330

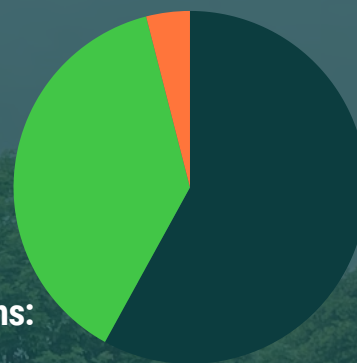
total programs
impacted

112

new programs
reached

Programs Served

Rec Leagues:
4%



Schools:
58%

Youth Programs:
38%



2023 IMPACT

Hear what our beneficiaries have to say after receiving free sports equipment from our warehouse:

100%

report increased participation

95%

report an ability to reallocate funds

1 in 3

report an ability to introduce a new sport to kids



"We were able to start our first ever softball season this year with 4th-8th grade players that had no previous experience. Our catcher especially appreciated the protective gear, which allowed her to feel confident blocking the ball. We are so thankful to be able to play and to do it safely with proper gear!"

-The City Springs Elementary Middle School

"The equipment donations allow us to have lacrosse, field hockey, baseball, and softball programs! With the equipment donations our athletes and families try out for sports they might not have in the past because of the cost of equipment. Our families have expressed gratitude to your organization. Without donations from Leveling the Playing field we would not have these teams!"

-Lansdowne High School

DISTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

FOOTBALL DAY

Special thanks to the Ravens:



LPF Baltimore hosted its third annual Football Day (an exclusive distribution for local high school football programs) in August. In one day, LPF Baltimore was able to equitably distribute \$25,225 worth of football equipment to (9) local high schools.

\$25,225

worth of football gear

9

local schools



Special thanks to Under Armour:



COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR DAY

LPF also hosted its 2nd annual Community School Coordinator (CSC) day in January 2023. As the social workers embedded in Baltimore City public schools, CSCs are regularly tasked with finding basic resources for their students.

In addition to sports equipment, LPF was able to gather new Under Armour apparel, backpacks, sports bras, socks, and other general supplies for CSCs to start their school year in the best way possible.

\$37,928

worth of equipment

16

local schools

PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2023



10:12 Sports
 4Troy Foundation/Woodbridge Warriors
 Abbottson Elementary
 Aberdeen Bulldogs Youth Football
 Academia Rommel Cruz Boy Club Puerto Plata,
 Dominican Republic
 Academy for College and Career Exploration
 Access Art, Inc
 Agudeth of Israel Baltimore
 Alexis I DuPont High School
 Annapolis High School
 Antietam Academy
 Arbutus Middle School
 Archbishop Borders School
 Armistead Gardens Ele/Mid School #243
 At The House, Inc.
 Augusta Fells Savage Institute of the Visual Arts
 Baltimore Bengals
 Baltimore City College High School
 Baltimore City FCA
 Baltimore City Gators
 Baltimore City Parks & Recreation
 Baltimore City Schools: Adapted PE department
 Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys
 Baltimore international academy west
 Baltimore Lab School
 Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women
 Baltimore Polytechnic Institute #403
 Baltimore Urban Baseball Association
 Baltimore Youth Sports Athletic Association (Baltimore
 Bearcats)
 Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation
 Bay-Brook Elementary/Middle School

Bear Creek Elementary School
 Bedford Elementary School
 Beechfield Elementary/Middle School
 BeMore Athletic League
 Benjamin Franklin High School
 Binghamton CSD Lacrosse
 BLAX LAX Baltimore
 Boonsboro High School
 Boonsboro Middle School
 Boys & Girls Club of Harford and Cecil Co.
 Boys & Girls Club of Laurel
 Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore -
 Westport
 Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore -
 Brooklyn O'Malley
 Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore -
 Webster Kendrick
 Bryant Woods Elementary School
 C.H. Flowers High School
 Carney Elementary School
 Carroll County Public Schools
 Carter G. Woodson Elementary School
 Carver Vocational-Technical High School
 Catonsville Middle School
 CC Jackson Recreation Center
 Cecil Kirk Recreation Center
 Central High School
 Chadwick Elementary
 Challenge 2 Change Inc.
 Charm City Athletics
 Charm City Youth Lacrosse
 Charmers Lacrosse
 Cherry Hill Eagles Foundation
 Chesapeake Bay Middle School Regional Program
 Chesapeake High School
 Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School
 Christian Youth Athletics
 City Neighbors High School
 City Springs Elementary/Middle
 City Youth Matrix
 Claremont Middle/High School
 Clay Hill Public Charter School
 Clear Spring High School
 Clear Spring Middle School
 Clearview Elementary School
 Cockeysville Middle School (BCPS Allied Sports)
 Columbia Association Youth and Teen Center
 Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle
 School

PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2023

Connexions A Community Based Arts School
Corner Team, Inc.
Cradlerock Elementary School
Creative City Public Charter School
Crisfield Academy and High School
Crispus Attucks Association
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School
Dallas F Nicholas Sr Elementary School
Deal Island Elementary
Deep Creek Magnet Middle Community School
Deer Park Middle Magnet School
Determined To Make A Change
Dorothy I. Height Elementary
Dr. Bernard Harris Sr. Elementary School
Dr. Nathan A. Pitts Ashburton E/M School
Drew Freeman Middle School
Dumbarton Middle School
Dunbar High School Athletics
Dundalk Dragons Lacrosse
Dundalk Elementary
Dundalk High School
Dundalk Middle School
E. Russell Hicks Middle School
Eastern Technical High School
Eastside Family Shelter
Edgewood Community Support Center, Inc.
DBA The Epicenter
Edmondson Westside High School
Elev8 Baltimore
Elkton High School
Erik Williams Foundation
Eutaw Marshburn Elementary School
Fallstaff Elementary Middle School
Fathers in the Hood Family Fun Day
FCA Park Heights Saints
FCYAA Jr. Cadets
Featherbed Lane Elementary Community School
First Challengers Little League Baseball and Softball
Fitness Fun & Games
Fort Worthington Elementary/Middle School
Foundation One Hug at a Time
Francis Scott Key Elementary Middle School
Franklin Middle School - BCPS Allied Sports
Fred B Leidig Recreation Center
Frederick Douglass High School
Friends of Carroll Park
Friends of Patterson Park
Fundacion Asistiendo Estudiantes D (FAEDOM)
Fundacion Los Ninos de Maria, Inc



Furman Templeton Preparatory Academy
GameOn!Fitness
GearUp4Kidz
General John Stricker Middle School
George Washington Elementary School
Girls in the Game
Glen Burnie High School
Glenmount Elementary/Middle School
God is Able
Golden Ring Middle School
Green Street Academy
Greens Inergy
Greenwood Elementary School
Halethorpe Elementary School
Hamilton Elementary Middle School
Hampden Elementary - Fitness Fun & Games
Hampstead Hill Academy
Hancock Middle Senior High School
Harford Heights Elementary School
Harlem Lacrosse - ACCE
Harlem Lacrosse - Commodore John Rodgers
Harlem Lacrosse - James McHenry
Harlem Park Elementary Middle School
Harmony Baseball Academy
Hawthorne Elementary School
Hedgesville High School Eagles Lacrosse
Hereford Middle School
Hernwood Elementary School
Higher Achievement - Lakeland
Higher Achievement Highlandtown #237
Highlandtown #215
Holabird Academy
Holabird Middle School
Imagine an Athlete
Inspiration Academy
Jackie Robinson Baseball League

PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2023

Jackson-Reed High School
James McHenry Elementary
Joseph C Briscoe Academy
Judy Center - Harford Heights Elementary
Kemp Mill Elementary School
Kenwood High School
KEYS Empowers, Inc.
KKB Sports
Konawaena Wildcats Lacrosse Club
Lakeland Elementary/Middle School
Lansdowne Elementary School
Lansdowne High School
Lansdowne Middle School
Laurel Middle School (DE)
Leader Breeders Inc.
Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center Inc
Learn N Play Inc
Lee Lee Kiddz
Leith Walk Elementary Middle School #245
Level Up Inc.
Lillian Jones Recreation Center
Living Classrooms Foundation Under Armour House
Living Classrooms Patterson Park
Loch Raven High School
Loch Raven Recreational Youth Basketball
Logan Elementary
Maces Lane Middle School Lacrosse Club
Mars Estates Elementary School
Mary E. Rodman Elementary School Lacrosse
Maryland Bombers Youth Football & Mentoring Program
MDHorsemen
Medfield Recreation Center
Mergenthaler Vocational Tech High School
Middle River Middle School
Milbrook Elementary
MissionFit
MNCPPC Parks and Recreation Baseball
Mora Crossman Recreation Center
Movement Team
MSU Women Lacrosse Club
Mt. Royal Elementary Middle School
National Academy Foundation
New Era Academy 1
New Town High School Athletics
New York Recreation
Next One Up
No Boundaries Coalition
North Caroline HS

North Carrol County Recreation Council
North County High School
North Hagerstown High School
NorthBay Education Inc.
Northeast Youth Baseball League
Northern Middle School
Northwest Academy of Health Sciences
Northwood Baseball League, Inc.
Notre Dame of Maryland University
Oldtown Gators Community Development Corporation
One More One Less
Or Haner
Oriole Advocates
Overlea Fullerton Youth Football
Overlea High School
Owings Mills High School
Paint Branch High School
Park Heights Academy
Parkside Warriors Youth Mentoring & Sports
Parkville High School
Parkville Middle School
Parkville Rec Adapted Sports
Parkville Recreation Council Inc
Patterson High School
Patterson Park Elementary - Fitness Fun & Games
Patterson Park Public Charter School
Paul Lawrence Dunbar HS
Paul's Place Outreach Center
Pax River Raiders
PBG Little League
PeacePlayers Baltimore
Pensacola High School
Perry Hall Middle School
Phelps Luck Elementary School



PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2023

Pigtown Climbs
Pikesville High School
Plattsburgh Youth Hockey
Pops Culture Inc
Port VLA
Randallstown High School
Reach! Partnership High School
Reginald F Lewis High School
Renaissance Academy High School #433
Ridgely Middle School
Robert Moton Elementary
Roca Baltimore
Roland Park - Fitness Fun and Games
Roland Park Elementary Middle School Baseball Club
Roland Park Elementary/Middle Lacrosse.
Safe Streets Baltimore
Samuel Coleridge Taylor Elementary
Sandalwood Elementary School
Secret Society Panthers
SEED School of Maryland
Seneca Valley High School
Serendipity Healthcare
Sharp-Leadenhall Elementary/School #314
Shiloh Middle School
Simon Says Shoot Hoops not Guns after School Program
Smithsburg High School
Smithsburg Middle School
Soccer without Borders - Baltimore
Solo Gibbs Recreation Center
Somerset Intermediate School
South Hagerstown High School
Southwest Academy
Southwest Baltimore Charter School
Southwest Seminoles
Southwest Sports and Fitness Alliance c/o SWP
Sparrows Point Middle School (BCPS Allied Sports)
Special Olympics Maryland - Baltimore City Public Schools
Spectrum Support
Springfield Middle School
Squashwise
St Francis Neighborhood Center
St. Anthony Catholic School
St. Frances Academy
St. Ignatius Loyola Academy
Stampéd Athletics
Sudbrook Magnet Middle School
Sussex Elementary School
Swing 2 Soar



Tabitha's House
The Agoge Project
The Avenue Bears
The Baltimore Football Academy Inc
The Belair Edison School
The Crossroads Middle School
The Empowerment Academy
The First Tee of Greater Baltimore
The Gap Mission
The Loop
The Mr. Mack Lewis Foundation
The National Coalition For Women's Athletics
The Tender Bridge Inc - Hockey in the Hood
The Volo City Kids Foundation
Thomas Jefferson Elementary / Middle School
Thurgood Marshall Middle School
Towanda Recreation Center
Towson High School
Treign Academy Inc
True Family Football League Inc
Unmatched Athlete
Vanguard Collegiate Middle School
Visions Select Baseball
Washington Academy and High School
We Can Do It Outreach
West Baltimore Ravens Football/Cheer Academy
Western Heights Middle School
Westport Academy
Westport Patriots Organization/Youth Development
White Oak School @ BCPS
William Paca Elementary
Williamsport High School
Wolfe St Academy
Woodlawn High School
Woodlawn Middle School
World Lacrosse - Argentina
Young Audiences Arts for Learning
Youth in Transition School

SUPPORTERS



Volunteers

536
volunteers

LPF relies heavily on volunteers in order to keep our warehouses organized and easy to navigate. Our help comes from local families, middle-schoolers, high-schoolers, college groups, and corporate groups alike. LPF Baltimore was excited to work with groups such as CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield, Constellation, SECU, Nutrabolt, and many many more – all of whom volunteered their time at our warehouse in 2023.

1,117
hours volunteered

We simply could not carry out our mission without the steady flow of helping hands inventorying and sorting gear in our warehouses week after week. Thank you for sustaining our work.



Collection Drives

Kids, families, teams, and companies in our community run collection drives throughout the year, helping LPF collect thousands of dollars worth of sports equipment. These collection efforts truly fuel our work and keep our warehouse stocked so that we can keep up with the high demand of gear from local schools and youth programs.

We want to thank everyone who collected gear for us in 2023 and hope to see you again soon!

71
collection drives

5
bin ambassadors

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Pack the Park

Special thanks to WMAR-TV & Scripps Howard Fund

After an incredibly successful first year, LPF Baltimore teamed up with WMAR-TV again in 2023 for its second annual Pack the Park collection event.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we were able to nearly double 2022's totals by collecting **over \$35,000 worth of gear!**



2023 Major In-Kind Donors



Arundel High School
Athletes Unlimited
Baltimore Ravens
Boys' Latin
Connexions A Community
Based Arts School
Earth 2 Etown Festival
Friends School of Baltimore
Green Street Academy
Harlem Lacrosse - Commodore
John Rodgers
Howard County Environmental
Services
Ice World
Movement Columbia
Movement Hampden

Movement Team
Movement Timonium
Navy Youth Hockey
Newtown's Kleats 4 Kids
Oriole Advocates
Reisterstown Sportsplex
RISE Flag Football
SidelineSwap
Soccer Post- Lancaster
Steuart Hill Elementary
STX
The First Tee of Greater
Baltimore
US Lacrosse
WMAR-2 News

2023 Funders

The Abell Foundation
Baltimore Ravens Foundation
Blaustein - Rosenberg Foundation
The Brick Companies
CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield
Community Foundation of Washington County, MD
Dicks Sporting Goods Foundation - Sports Matter Program
Donnie Williams Foundation
Frank E. and Miriam Loveman Foundation
Goldseker Foundation
Herbert Bearman Foundation
Jack Wilen Foundation
John J. Leidy Foundation
Joseph & Harvey Meyerhoff Family
Charitable Funds
Kelly Benefits
Kenneth and Gloria Friedman Charitable Fund
Lockhart Vaughan Foundation
Maryland State Youth Soccer Association
Robert W. Deutsch Foundation
The Wiessner Foundation for Children, Inc.



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REVENUE

Corporate Contributions	\$44,077.81
Foundation Contributions	\$221,250.00
Individual Contributions	\$11,535.17
Earned Income	\$3,250.00
Total Revenue	\$280,112.98

EXPENSES

Personnel	\$147,285.14
Facilities & Equipment	\$78,008.88
Program Supplies	\$11,418.85
Travel and Meetings	\$6,254.92
Miscellaneous	\$1,050.38
Total Expenditures	\$244,018.17

Net Revenue	\$36,094.81
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