

# LPF | LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD



2023 Annual Report  
GREATER WASHINGTON

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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 Mike Pierce, LPF Greater Washington Program Director

Mike moved to the D.C. area in 2008 to start his undergraduate degree at George Washington University, and he never left. He later obtained his Master's degree in Sports Industry Management from Georgetown University and a Sports Philanthropy certificate from George Washington University. Mike previously worked for Monumental Sports & Entertainment Foundation, Nationals Philanthropies, and Ascend Fundraising Solutions where he worked with local professional sports teams.

The one constant throughout his childhood was participating in sports to play and make new friends. Mike is committed to ensuring all kids have the chance to play sports and participate as he did. After helping LPF Greater Washington get started in its new Silver Spring warehouse, Mike looks forward to increasing collection, growing our recurring volunteers, and expanding distribution.



## Meet Anninah Henry, LPF Greater Washington Program Associate

Anninah is a native Washingtonian who participated in many youth sports programs, such as cheerleading and rugby. During college, Anninah managed the Howard Bison football team, as well as the Lady Bison basketball team, which sparked her interest in Sports Management. Anninah has previous experience working full-time as a Montessori teacher as well as experience working many summer camps as a Safety and Sports Coordinator. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Sports Medicine from Howard University in 2022. Anninah joined LPF in 2023 after missing sports being a part of her daily life.



# 2023: A YEAR OF GROWTH

## LPF GREATER WASHINGTON HAS A NEW HOME

📍 Brookville Road



📍 Monard Drive



After ten incredible years, we decided it was time for LPF Greater Washington to upgrade to a bigger, better warehouse. Last summer we cleaned out our Brookville Road space, [packed up our truck, and drove down the street to move into our new warehouse at 8845 Monard Drive.](#)

We can now store more equipment, host larger volunteer groups, and host distribution events for our partners – and all just a three minute drive from the old space. This warehouse has drastically increased our capacity to serve the community (and it is temperature controlled, so no more shivering winter days for our staff and volunteers)! We look forward to seeing you in our new space!



## 10TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2023 we celebrated 10 years of carrying out our mission of providing free sports equipment to kids in under-resourced communities. We hosted a celebration at Hook Hall in Washington, DC with our partners, supporters, and friends. Our community helped us raise over \$130,000 to support LPF's continued growth to new markets so that we can help more kids get off the sidelines and back on the field.

For more info on our 10th anniversary celebration, [see LPF's national annual report.](#)



# 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

**\$1,226,382.45**

worth of sports equipment collected

**\$1,033,619.30**

worth of sports equipment distributed

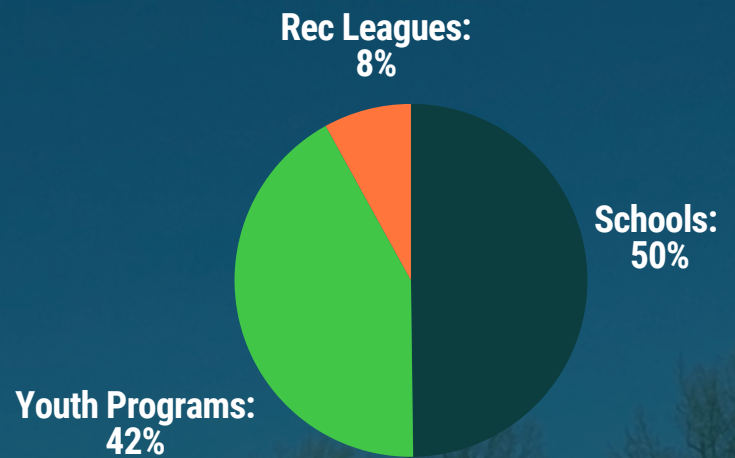
**331**

total programs  
impacted

**92**

new programs  
reached

## Programs Served





# 2023 IMPACT



Hear what our beneficiaries have to say:

**100%**

report increased participation

**91%**

report an ability to reallocate funds

**2 in 3**

report an ability to introduce a new sport

“Until recently, some students were unable to participate due to the lack of sufficient equipment. The items we have obtained from LPF have allowed us to increase participation. So far the increase in equipment has allowed us to begin engaging students.”

*-Flintstone Elementary School*

# DISTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

## FOOTBALL DAY

LPF Greater Washington dedicated a day in August 2023 to distribute football gear to local high schools ahead of their preseason. Football cleats, helmets, should pads, jerseys, and more were all distributed to coaches and athletic directors to help equip their teams.

**\$22,160**

worth of football gear

**8**

local schools



## MSYSA CLEAT DISTRIBUTIONS

In 2023, LPF Greater Washington distributed cleats once again through our partnership with Maryland State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA). Together, LPF Greater Washington & LPF Baltimore distributed pairs of cleats for kids across Maryland, supporting eight schools locally in Montgomery County.

**\$37,928**

worth of equipment

**16**

local schools

*"MSYSA's Let's Play! Fall '23 season made the biggest impact in the history of the program, with over 740 children receiving a free pair of cleats. **For many of these children, this was their very first pair of cleats, and their excitement was beyond words. The cleats not only helped players improve their performance on the field but also boosted their confidence and self-esteem, which will have a lasting impact on their lives.** We're extremely thankful for our partnership with LPF, which helps us fulfill our mission to 'Grow the Game and Transform Lives!'"*

*-Kelli Doherty, Let's Play! Coordinator at MSYSA*



# PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2023

1 Way 2 Rise  
100 Black Men of Prince George's County, Inc.  
4-H, Washington DC  
ABI Sports  
Abol United FC  
Academia Rommel Cruz Boy Club Puerto Plata,  
Dominican Republic  
Adopt-a-Gym  
AFS-USA Capital Area Team  
Albert Einstein High School  
Alex Coleman  
Alexandria Soccer Association  
Allenwood Elementary School  
Anacostia AMP Outreach Empowerment Center  
Andrew Jackson Academy  
Angels Baseball  
Apex Lacrosse LLC  
Apple Grove Elementary School  
Arcola Elementary  
Argyle Middle School  
Asian American LEAD  
Aspen Hill Soccer Club  
Aspire! Afterschool  
Athletes for Hope  
Ballou High School  
Barnaby Manor Elementary  
BDK INTER  
Bel Pre Elementary School  
Beltsville Boys and Girls Club  
Benjamin Stoddert Middle School  
Bladensburg Elementary School  
Bladensburg High School  
Blake High School  
Boys & Girls Club - Jelleff Community Center Club  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington FBR Branch  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Richard  
England Clubhouse 14  
Boys and Girls Club - George M. Ferris, Jr. Clubhouse 6  
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington  
Boys Town Washington D.C.  
Bradbury Heights Community School  
Brightwood Elementary School  
Brock Bridge Elementary School  
Brookhaven Elementary School  
Bruce Monroe Elementary School at Park View  
Buck Lodge Middle School  
Buckingham Elementary School  
C.H. Flowers High School  
Calvert County American Little League  
Calverton Elementary  
Camp Sarraka / 1st Rd S  
Capitol Heights ES  
Cardozo Education Campus  
Carmody Elementary School  
Carole Highlands Elementary  
Carrollton Elementary School  
Casa Chirilagua  
Cecil Owls  
Center City Brightwood PCS  
Center City Charter School - Capitol Hill  
Center City Trinidad Campus  
Cesar Chavez Dual Spanish Immersion  
Charles Barrett Elementary School  
Charles County Public Schools  
Chester Jet Football League  
Chillum Elementary School  
Chris Yung Elementary School  
City Of Rockville Latino Youth Development  
Clinton Boys and Girls Club  
Columbia Association Youth and Teen Center  
Columbia Heights Panthers  
Cooper Lane Elementary  
Cora L. Rice Elementary School  
CORE FC Inc.  
Cresthaven Elementary School  
CSA Foundation Inc  
Damascus High School Adapted Physical Education  
and Physical Education  
DC International School



# PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2023

DC Knights Youth Sports  
 DC Panthers Water Polo, Inc  
 DC Police Foundation  
 DC Scores  
 Deanwood Community Center  
 Delta Sigma Theta-DC chapter  
 District Heights Elementary School  
 District Reign Football Club  
 DMV Hoops Academy  
 Dodge Park Elementary School  
 Doswell E Brooks ES  
 DPR / Athletes Unlimited  
 Dr. Charles Drew Elementary School (MD)  
 Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School (VA)  
 Drew Elementary School  
 Drew Freeman Middle School  
 DuVal High School  
 Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School  
 Eastern Panhandle Cavalry  
 Eastern Senior HS  
 Educational Sustainability Mobilization Inc  
 Eleanor Roosevelt High School  
 Elite Soccer Youth Development Academy  
 Emerging Scholars  
 Enhancing Learning and Play, Corp  
 Eritrean American Youth Sports Association of  
 Maryland (EriStars)  
 EveryMind  
 Excel Academy Public School  
 FAEDOM 809  
 Fairmont Heights High School  
 FCA Frederick  
 First Challengers Little League Baseball and  
 Softball  
 First Tee of Greater Washington, DC

Flintstone Elementary School  
 Fort Foote Elementary School  
 Fox Chapel Elementary School  
 Francis Scott Key Elementary School  
 Fredericksburg Youth Roller Hockey  
 Freedom High School  
 Friendly High School  
 Friends of Emery Heights Community  
 Fundacion Asistiendo Estudiantes D (FAEDOM)  
 Fundacion Los Ninos de Maria, Inc  
 G. James Gholson Middle School  
 Gaithersburg Elementary School  
 Gaithersburg High School  
 Gaithersburg Parks & Rec  
 Garrett Park ES  
 GearUp4Kidz  
 Georgian Forest Elementary School  
 Glen Haven Elementary School  
 Glenarden Boys and Girls Club  
 Glenridge Elementary School  
 Global Impact Sport Inc.  
 God is Able  
 Golfing for Excellence  
 Grace Community Development Corporation  
 Greencastle Elementary School  
 Greene Early College High School  
 Gun Springs Community Center (NCS)  
 H. D. Woodson Senior High School  
 Hallie Wells Middle School SESES Program  
 Hands Up Guns Down  
 Harlem Lacrosse - ACCE  
 Harmony Baseball Academy  
 Harmony Hills ES  
 Hayfield Secondary School  
 Helping Hands and Caring Hearts  
 Henry E. Lackey High School  
 High Point HS  
 Highland View Elementary School  
 Highland Park Elementary School  
 Hopewell High School  
 Horizon Day Camp- Metro DC  
 Hyattsville Elementary School  
 Hyattsville Middle School  
 Ida B. Wells Middle School  
 IDEA Public Charter School  
 Imagine an Athlete  
 Imagine Lincoln Public Charter School  
 Impact Silver Spring  
 Inner City Excellence (DC-ICE)  
 International High School at Langley Park





# PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2023

International High School at Largo  
 International Sports Organization  
 J.P. Taravella High School Boys Lacrosse  
 Jackson Road Elementary School  
 Jackson-Reed High School  
 James E. Duckworth Regional School  
 James H. Harrison Elementary School  
 Jeff Wagner  
 JoAnn Leleck ES at Broad Acres  
 Joe Gerbasi  
 John Bayne Elementary School  
 John F. Kennedy High School  
 John T. Baker MS  
 Judge Sylvania Woods Elementary  
 KAJE CA LTS Inc.  
 Kelly Miller Middle School  
 Kemp Mill Elementary School  
 Kentland Columbia Park Boys and Girls Club  
 KKB Sports  
 Lamont Elementary School  
 Laurel Elementary School  
 Laurel High School  
 Laurel Little League  
 Lauro Discaino Softball Sports League  
 Liberty HS - Bedford  
 Little Lights Urban Ministries  
 Luke C Moore Senior Alternative High School  
 Madison Hockey League  
 Maine Amateur Hockey Association  
 Maryland Bombers Youth Football and Mentoring Program  
 Mattaponi Springs Youth Development  
 MCPS Wellness Trainers  
 MCPS-Brook Grove Elementary  
 Meadow Hall Elementary School  
 Mel's Rink  
 Meridian Public Charter School  
 Metro Hurricanes  
 Metro Transit Police Department - Community Service Bureau  
 Metropolitan Police Department  
 Metropolitan Tennis/Education Group  
 Middletown Elementary School  
 Montgomery Blair HS  
 Montgomery County Public Schools- PE Curriculum Office  
 Montgomery County Recreation  
 Montgomery Youth Hockey Association  
 Motherwell Sports Academy

Moving Forward Tennis  
 Mt. Rainier Elementary School  
 N.E. Check Boyz  
 National Academy Foundation  
 National Christian Academy  
 New Hampshire Estates Elementary School  
 New York Recreation  
 Newbreed Sports  
 Nicholas Orem Middle School  
 Nigerian International Athletes Association - NIAA  
 Niki Mock Community Helps  
 North Forestville Elementary School  
 Northwestern High School  
 Northwood Baseball League, Inc.  
 Northwood High School  
 NOVA Bulls Organization  
 Oak View Elementary School  
 Odessa Shannon Middle School  
 One Nation Soccer Academy  
 Open Door Sports Inc.  
 Operation Encouragement  
 Oxon Hill Elementary School  
 Oxon Hill High School  
 Paint Branch Elementary School  
 Paint Branch High School  
 Parkdale High School  
 Patrick Henry K-8 School  
 Pediatric Golf Therapy  
 Play Ball Academy  
 Portsmouth Community Watch Foundation, Inc  
 Potomac High School  
 Powell Elementary School  
 Prince George's County Public Schools  
 Princeton Elementary School  
 Providing Resources Abroad for Youth (P.R.A.Y.)  
 International Ministries, Inc.  
 Puerto Rico Baseball



# PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2023

## PUSH

Reunion Sportive d'Haiti, Inc.  
 Ridgecrest Elementary School  
 Rise Up Soccer Club  
 Riverdale Elementary  
 Robert R. Gray Elementary School  
 Rock Creek Valley ES  
 Rockville Baseball Association  
 Rocky Hill Middle School  
 Rogers Heights Elementary School  
 Rolling Terrace Elementary School  
 Rosemary Hills Elementary School  
 Rosemary Hills Elementary School PTA  
 Rosemary Hills Lacrosse  
 Royal Sports and Arts  
 Royalty Institute of Leadership and Innovation  
 Samuel P. Massie Academy  
 San Miguel School  
 Sargent Shriver Elementary School  
 SciTech2U Inc  
 Secret Society Panthers  
 SEED Public Charter School  
 Sela Public Charter School  
 Seneca Valley High School  
 Skating Salamanders  
 Skipps Sports  
 So Kids SOAR  
 So What Else  
 Soccer for the Future  
 Sojourner Truth Public Charter School  
 South Bowie Boys and Girls Club  
 South Lake Elementary School  
 Southside Area Tennis Association  
 Special Olympics District of Columbia  
 Springbrook HS  
 St. Anthony Catholic School  
 St. Frances Academy  
 St. Mary's Ryken High School Girls Hockey  
 Stedwick Elementary Physical Education  
 Stride Camp Inc.  
 Suitland High School  
 Surrattsville High School  
 Takoma Youth Sports Scholarship Fund  
 Tenacious  
 The Chelsea School  
 The Foundation Schools  
 The Gap Mission  
 The HSC Pediatric Center's Kids in Action Program  
 The Nyuma Harrison Foundation  
 The Rock Terrace School



Thurgood Marshall Middle School  
 Top of Virginia Hockey Alliance  
 Triumphant Leaders Youth Mentoring Program  
 True Family Football League Inc  
 Tubman Elementary school  
 Twinbrook ES  
 U.N.I.T.Y. Youth Development  
 U.S. Elite International Track & Field  
 United Heroes League  
 Unknown Talent  
 Va. Beach Tennis Patrons Association  
 Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time (VPOST)  
 Volo City Kids Foundation  
 Walker Mill Middle School  
 Ward 7 Blue Bulls Youth Organization  
 Ward 8 Buccaneers  
 Ward Eight Little League  
 Warriors Football Team  
 Washington Capitals  
 Washington Girls Softball Team  
 Washington Grove Elementary School  
 Washington Ice Dogs  
 Washington Jesuit Academy  
 Washington Nationals Team Up  
 Weller Road Elementary School  
 Wheaton Woods ES  
 Whittier Elementary School  
 William B Gibbs E.S.  
 William Beanes Elementary School  
 William Hall Academy  
 William Wirt Middle School-TNI  
 Winners Lacrosse  
 Wolves Lacrosse Club Inc.  
 Woodridge Elementary School  
 Wrestling to Beat the Streets DC  
 Yad Vashem Oportunidad Fundacion  
 Youth Education and Sports Foundation



# SUPPORTERS



## Volunteers

**701**  
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 Greater Washington was excited to work with groups such as U.S. Soccer Foundation, NFLPA, Deloitte, Accenture, MGM, and Total Wine & More – all of whom volunteered their time at our warehouse in 2023.

**1,651**  
hours volunteered

We 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!

**320**  
collection drives

**9**  
bin ambassadors

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## 2023 Major Funders

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A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation  
The Bender Foundation  
Cafritz Foundation  
The Carl M. Freeman Foundation  
Clark Construction  
Deloitte  
Enterprise Holdings Foundation  
Gatorade  
George Preston Marshall Foundation  
John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation  
Looking Out Foundation  
Luther I. Replogle Foundation

Maryland State Youth Soccer Association  
Montgomery County Recreation  
Prince George's County Government  
Ray's Ball Shed  
Risa Fund  
The St. James  
Target  
Trawick Foundation  
Washington Capitals  
Washington Commanders  
Washington Spirit

## 2023 Major In-Kind Donors

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1-800-Got-Junk  
Arlington Soccer Association  
Bender JCC of Greater Washington  
Casual Adventure Outfitters  
Costello's ACE Hardware  
John R. Lewis High School  
League Outfitters  
Medstar Capitals Iceplex  
Movement Rockville  
Northern Virginia Senior Softball (NVSS)  
Our Lady of Mercy  
Pinkman Academy  
Reston Skatequest  
Temple Sinai  
The Gardens Ice House  
The Holton-Arms School  
Town of Chevy Chase  
University of Maryland Athletic Department  
Vienna Youth Soccer  
Walter Johnson High School  
Washington Spirit  
Washington Wizards





### Greater Washington Advisory Board

Maya Puppione  
*George Mason Women's Soccer*

Jeff Wagner  
*Wagner Kaulius*

Bobby Puppione  
*The St. James / FC Virginia*

Nekkita Beans  
*Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative*

Carl Ehrlich  
*Flagstar Football*

Olivia Harpel  
*Accenture*

### REVENUE

Corporate Contributions	\$130,049.08
Foundation Contributions	\$265,927.50
Individual Contributions	\$27,440.87
Government Contributions	\$62,787.00
Earned Income	\$32,785.85
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$518,990.30</b>

### EXPENSES

Personnel	\$168,836.65
Facilities & Equipment	\$64,475.32
Program Supplies	\$30,948.65
Travel and Meetings	\$5,007.64
Miscellaneous	\$10,302.75
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$276,571.01</b>

<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$242,419.29</b>
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