



# LPPF | LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT OHIO

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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



**Eric Rutkowski,**  
Program Director, LPF Ohio

## We Asked Eric...

### What was your favorite part of 2025?

Seeing a full year's worth of distributions for the first time! It was awesome to experience the impact we can have at full-scale and understand how the needs of coaches and teachers change through all of the different athletic seasons.

### What was the craziest thing someone donated in 2025?

My favorite crazy item that was donated this year was several Olympic torches from our friends at Special Olympics Ohio. Several P.E. Teachers have taken them for ceremonies at their own schools. Such a fun thing to give out to programs!

### What accomplishment from 2025 are you most proud of?

I am most proud of serving over 150 unique schools and programs in our warehouse this year. That is 150 schools and teams worth of kids that can now participate in the sports they want to. It's awesome to make that big of an impact in just one year.

## 2025 by the Numbers



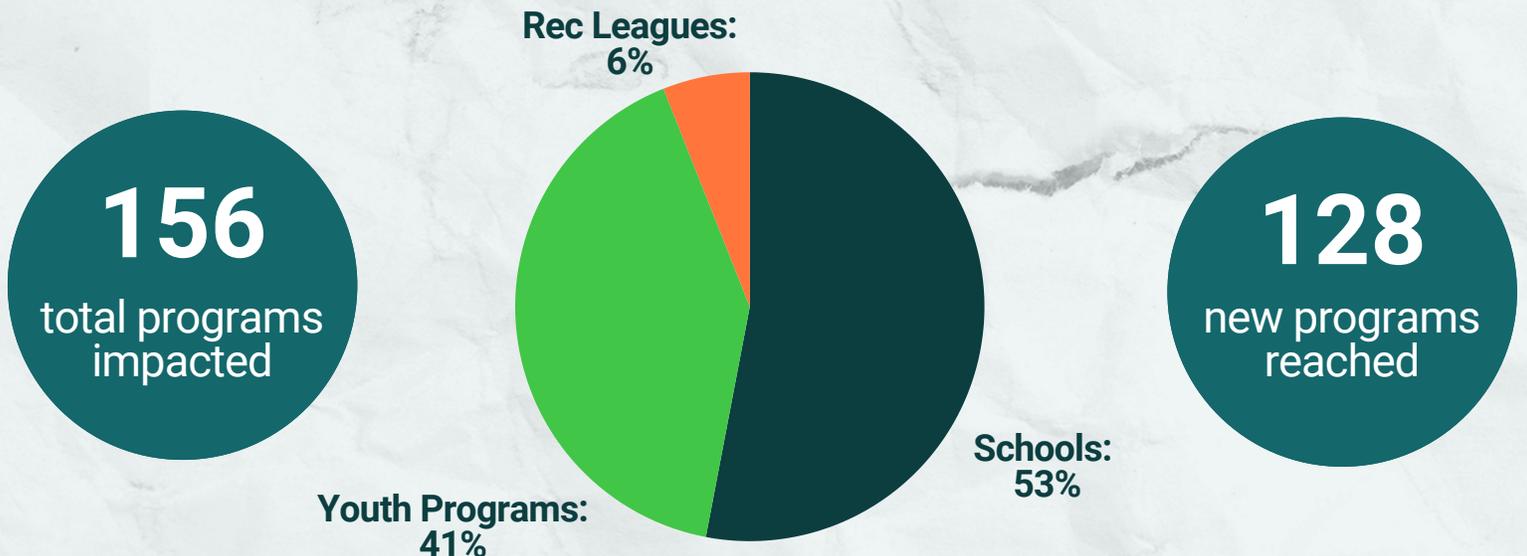
**\$589,729**

worth of sports equipment **collected**



**\$588,889**

worth of sports equipment **distributed**



## 2025 Impact



### 93%

report increased participation

### 87%

report an ability to reallocate funds

### 60%

report an ability to introduce a new sport

### HEAR WHAT OUR BENEFICIARIES HAVE TO SAY:

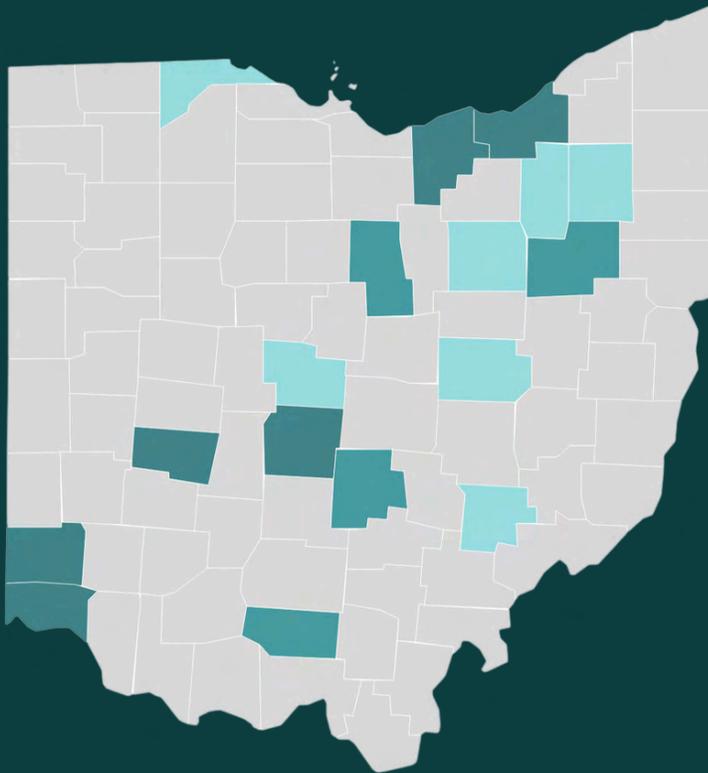
“Their support came at a crucial time, as we welcomed several female athletes after our school’s softball season was canceled. Eric responded immediately, ensuring every player felt confident, included, and ready to compete. Thanks to [LPF], our team took the field with a renewed sense of swagger and energy.”

-Linden-McKinley Baseball

“LPF has provided invaluable assistance through the donation of meaningful recess and P.E. equipment, student rewards, and support that helped jump-start our lacrosse club. As a result of the new and gently used equipment, student participation during recess has significantly increased.”

-Ecole Kenwood (CCS)

## Distribution Map



Number of trips to LPF's warehouse:



# \$1,928

Average value of a trip to LPF's warehouse

# 297

total pick-ups from LPF's warehouse

# PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2025

50 Stars Yuva Club  
Adaptive Sports Ohio  
Advantage Cleveland Tennis and Education, Inc.  
Africentric High School  
All 4Da Kids Sports/ Loraine County Warriors  
Alliance Academy of Cincinnati  
Almira  
Apex Academy  
Arts and College Prep Academy  
Arts Impact Middle School  
Avondale Elementary School  
Bantu Hope Foundation  
Beechcroft High School  
Belpre Youth Sports  
Bennett Venture Academy  
Berzerk Summer Camp  
Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio  
Big Walnut Local Schools: Adapted PE  
Bolton Crossing Elementary/Communities In Schools  
Boys & Girls Club of Massillon  
Bridgeway Academy  
Briggs High School  
Buckeye State Elite  
Cap City Athletic Association  
CCS-West Broad Elementary School  
Cedarwood Elementary  
Child Development Council of Franklin County, Inc  
City of Whitehall Parks and Recreation  
Clark County Educational Service Center- Enon  
Campus  
Clark County Educational Service Center-Pleasant  
Street Campus  
CMSD Miles School  
Columbus Alternative High School  
Columbus Bilingual Academy -North  
Columbus Blackhawks  
Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation  
Columbus City Preparatory School for Boys  
Columbus City Schools - Adapted Physical Education  
Columbus City Schools - Northland High School  
Columbus City Schools - Binns  
Columbus Gifted Academy  
Columbus Global Academy  
Columbus International Baseball

Columbus Rams Youth Organization Football & Cheer Inc.  
Columbus Recreation and Parks  
Columbus Schools Special Olympics  
Columbus Southeast Baseball organization  
Communities In Schools - Franklin Woods  
Communities in Schools - Darby Woods Elementary  
Community Refugee & Immigration Service (CRIS)  
Como Elementary School  
Coshocton City Schools - Coshocton Wrestling Program  
Eakin Elementary School  
East Columbus Elementary  
East High School  
Eastgate Elementary  
Ecole Kenwood  
Elyria Youth Sports Club  
ETSS - Bending Brook  
ETSS - East  
ETSS - Northeast  
ETSS North 1  
ETSS North 2  
ETSS Sullivant  
ETSS- Columbus Bilingual West  
ETSS-Valleyview  
Fairfield West Elementary  
Fairland Local School District  
Fill The Bag  
Final Third Foundation  
Focus Learning Academy of Northern Columbus  
Focus North High School  
Fort Fyre Junior High  
Fort Hayes High School  
Foundation of Compassionate American Samaritans  
(FOCAS)  
Franklin Heights High School Baseball  
Franklin Learning Academy  
Franklinton High School  
Gentlemen of the Same Mind/Steele City Youth Football  
Mentorship Program  
Greater Cleveland Sports Commission  
Greater Columbus Sports Commission  
Grove City YMCA  
Guinean Organization in Columbus Ohio  
Hamilton Saints  
Hamilton Stem Academy

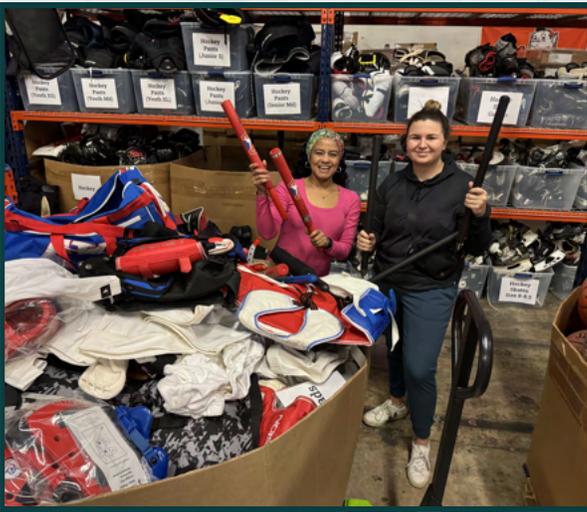
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*Hamilton Township High School*  
*Harvest Prep Youth Association*  
*Horizon Science Academy Columbus*  
*Horizon Science Academy Columbus Middle School*  
*Hubbard Elementary*  
*Indianola Middle School*  
*Innes CLC*  
*Jesus Power Assembly of God*  
*Johnson Park Middle School*  
*Joseph Gallagher High School*  
*Kids America Inc*  
*Lancers Lax Cincy*  
*Legacies United Foundation*  
*Liberty Township/Powell YMCA*  
*Liftup NexGen Youth Program*  
*Lincoln Park Elementary/Columbus City Schools*  
*Linden McKinley STEM Academy*  
*Livingston Elementary School*  
*Louisville Youth Lacrosse Association*  
*Madison Local Schools*  
*Marion Franklin High School*  
*Mifflin Sharks*  
*Mohican Young Star Academy*  
*Mt Healthy High School*  
*MVP Futbol Training*  
*Neighborhood Athletics*  
*North Olmsted Hockey Club*  
*North YMCA*  
*Northland High School*  
*Nusports Academy/ Columbus Blueprint*  
*Ocean Stars*  
*OH10 SPORTS*  
*Ohio Avenue Elementary School*  
*Ohio Smoke Sports*  
*Orrville Area Boys and Girls Club*  
*Parsons Elementary*  
*Pike County YMCA*  
*Recess All Stars ( Lincoln Park)*  
*REELL Sports Program (Buckeye Middle School)*  
*Remember Us Urban Legends*  
*Somali Bantu Diverse Center*  
*Somali Cultural festival*  
*South East Baseball*  
*South Middle School*  
*Southeast Broncos*

*Southeast High School*  
*Southwood Elementary*  
*Springfield Elite*  
*St Vivian School*  
*Step Outside*  
*The Academy For Urban Scholars Columbus*  
*The Columbus Raiders Elite sports*  
*The Weinland Park Wildcats Youth Athletics Initiatives*  
*Trevitt Elementary School*  
*United Schools Columbus - State Street*  
*Urban Lacrosse Academy*  
*US 7v7*  
*Walnut Ridge High School*  
*Watkins Elementary School*  
*Wedgewood Middle School*  
*Weinland Park Elementary/Innis Elementary Schools*  
*West Bloomfield Lacrosse*  
*West High School*  
*Westmoor Middle School*  
*Whitehall Middle School*  
*Whitehall Yearling HS*  
*Woodward Park @ Walden CCS*  
*World Language Academy*  
*YMCA of Central OH*  
*Yorktown Middle School*  
*Zenith Academy High School*



## Supporters



### VOLUNTEERS

We couldn't do this work without hundreds of volunteers dedicating their sweat and time to our cause! LPF Ohio welcomed volunteer groups such as **Kiwanis Club of Columbus, CME Federal Credit Union, Wexner Service Corps, OSU Men's Lacrosse, Cardinal Health, Greater Columbus Tennis Association**, and many others in 2025.

These groups learned about youth sports inequities and how their support makes a difference while spending time in the warehouse sorting and inventorying donations of sports equipment. Thanks to our community, our shelves are organized and "shoppable" for incoming coaches and P.E. teachers.

**389**  
hours  
volunteered

**229**  
volunteers

**40**  
collection  
drives



### 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 2025 and hope to see you again soon!

## Partner Spotlights

### LINDY INFANTE FOUNDATION

“The Lindy Infante Foundation proudly supports LPF Ohio. Their unwavering dedication to giving every child the chance to play, compete, and belong is at the heart of our mission.

This partnership is about more than just support—it's about opening doors. LPF Ohio is committed to providing kids with the gear—and the opportunity—to participate, compete, and connect. That steadfast focus on access and opportunity aligns perfectly with the Lindy Infante Foundation’s vision.”

--Stephanie Infante, President, Lindy Infante Foundation



### DICK'S SPORTING GOODS - SPORTS MATTER PROGRAM

“We love our partnership with LPF and the work they do to support local youth sports initiatives. Having collection bins at our stores is the perfect way to not only continue our work of breaking down barriers to entry into sport but supports a circular economy as well. Together, we can keep kids on field, and we all know just how important that is! ”

--Morgan Baughman, Field Marketing Manager, DSG Columbus & Cleveland



**\$89,061**

worth of sports equipment collected

**5**

metal collection bins



## 2025 Major Funders



**Elyria Charities, Inc.**



**The Harry C. Moores Foundation**



**Marietta Community Foundation / Team Bradley Fund**



## 2025 Major In-Kind Donors

- Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation
- Columbus Crew
- Fortress Obetz
- FST Logistics
- Genoa Christian Academy
- Hoagy's All Americans
- Horizon Science Academy Columbus Middle School
- Lancaster High School
- Lindy Infante Foundation
- OSU Lifesports
- Otterbein University
- RPAC - OSU
- Seeds of Caring
- Sherwin Williams
- Soles for Smiles
- Special Olympics Ohio
- The Weinland Park Wildcats Youth Athletics Initiatives
- Worthington Hills Elementary School



# FY25 Revenue & Expenses

## REVENUE

Corporate Contributions	\$28,520.68
Foundation Contributions	\$111,800.00
Individual Contributions	\$21,944.77
Earned Income	\$1,127.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$163,392.45</b>

## EXPENSES

Personnel	\$93,668.46
Facilities & Equipment	\$42,665.91
Program Supplies	\$6,370.68
Travel and Meetings	\$3,701.64
Depreciation	\$9,475.00
Other (Insurance, Advertising, Mail / Shipping, etc.)	\$4,645.35
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$160,527.04</b>

<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,865.41</b>
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## Advisory Council

**Char Barnes**  
*Central Ohio Youth Sports  
Collaborative*

**Lindy Guyton**  
*Greater Columbus Tennis  
Association*

**Erica Williams**  
*Greater Columbus Sports  
Commission*

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