



LPF | LEVELING THE
PLAYING FIELD

2025 ANNUAL REPORT Southeast Michigan

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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



**Catie Meyers,
Program Director, LPF SEMI**

Born and raised in the Great Lakes State, Catie holds a B.A. from Michigan State University, and an MSW from the University of Michigan. She completed a year of national service as a Team Leader with AmeriCorps NCCC, based out of Sacramento, CA. With almost ten years of nonprofit experience in the city, Catie joined the team in December 2024

Her passion for service has always guided her career, and she has a wealth of nonprofit experience including working in a Detroit Public School, responding to a natural disaster relief site, working with sex trafficking survivors, and leading international service trips. In her free time, Catie enjoys playing recreational soccer, ice hockey, and running.

We Asked Catie...

What was your favorite part of 2025?

The SEMI warehouse grand opening was my highlight of 2025! Bringing together so many amazing people that helped us get the warehouse up and running – beneficiary programs, volunteers, donors, community partners – it was an evening of connection and celebration.

What was the craziest thing someone donated in 2025?

We're hockeytown and all about the Red Wings here, so getting a Chicago Blackhawks jersey donated was wild! We've also gotten in a dragon kite, a bowling bowl, scuba gear, and VHS tapes of how to be a good goalie.

What accomplishment from 2025 are you most proud of?

I'm really proud of how much gear we were able to distribute in our first few months of being officially opened. We only distributed gear the last 3 months of the year and were able to give \$116K+ worth of gear back out into the community. This number reflects our efforts, but could not have happened without the help of so many partners. It just shows how big of a need we're trying to address here in Southeast Michigan, and we're certain next year will be even bigger.



2025 by the Numbers



\$349,718

worth of sports equipment **collected**



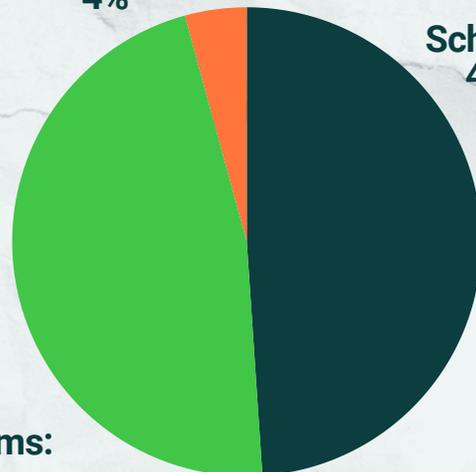
\$116,185

worth of sports equipment **distributed**



Rec Leagues:
4%

Schools:
49%



Youth Programs:
47%

2025 Impact



100%

report increased participation

100%

report an ability to reallocate funds



72%

report an ability to introduce a new sport



HEAR WHAT OUR BENEFICIARIES HAVE TO SAY:

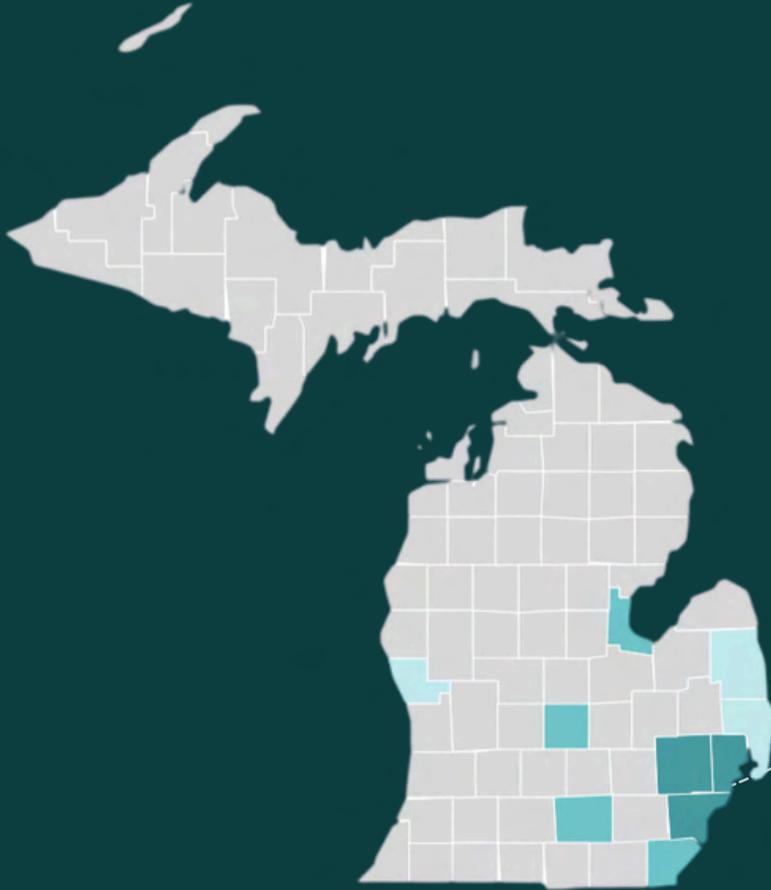
“LPF’s support has been nothing short of transformative for our club. Through their incredible effort, LPF directly enabled our players to train and compete with proper gear for the first time. As a result, we were able to welcome more players into the program, ensure that no child was excluded due to lack of equipment, and reallocate limited funds toward coaching support and program operations rather than emergency equipment purchases. For our kids, this wasn’t just gear. It was validation that they mattered and were a part of an organization that cared for them.”

–Real Lansing FC

“Because of this donation, West Bloomfield Lacrosse was able to help kids start playing a new sport. New players in both boys and girls programs can now participate without the immediate need to purchase all required gear, allowing families to try the sport with confidence and without undue financial strain. This access has significantly increased participation at the entry level, where equipment costs often determine whether a player can get started.”

–West Bloomfield Lacrosse

Distribution Map



Number of trips to LPF's warehouse:



\$1,570

Average value of a trip to LPF's warehouse

74

total pick-ups from LPF's warehouse

2025 Highlights

LPF SEMI WAREHOUSE GRAND OPENING

After months of working diligently to build up our collection of sports equipment in the warehouse, last fall LPF SEMI hosted its Warehouse Grand Opening to officially launch Distribution efforts.

Alongside community partners LPF welcomed several coaches and P.E. teachers into the warehouse to pick up gear for their students. We're absolutely grateful to our community for joining us in this celebration and for showing up in support of our mission day after day through giving gear, volunteering, and donating to LPF.



METAL COLLECTION BIN GROWTH

Metal bins make donating sports equipment easier than ever by having multiple sites across the area available to drop gear – you can pick the bin closest to you.

Thanks to the help of local partners like the Detroit Pistons, Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Tigers, and Dick's Sporting Goods Sports Matter Foundation LPF SEMI placed (11) new bins across Southeast MI in 2025!



\$56,128

worth of sports equipment collected in 2025

11

metal collection bins total

PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2025

LAHC
buildOn Detroit
Chaotic Kicks
O.L. SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Pucks for Autism - Michigan Chapter
Mona Shores Middle School
YMCA Metropolitan Detroit-Y on the Fly
Monroe Family YMCA
East Side Youth Sports Foundation
Motown Lacrosse
Marion Law Academy
McCullough-Unis School- Communities In Schools Michigan
Bay City Academy
West Bloomfield Lacrosse
Big Brothers Big Sister Southeast Michigan
Whitmore-Bolles School - Communities In Schools of Michigan
People for Palmer Park
Davinci Schools
Sterling Heights Kodiaks Football and Cheerleading Organization
Youth Education Development Academy (YEDA)
Real Lansing Football Club
Carleton Elementary
Noble Elementary Middle School
Memphis Parks and Recreation

Bates Academy
Pershing High School
Snow Elementary-Communities In Schools Michigan
Miller Elementary School
Burns Seneca Fischer Jr Block Club
Salina Intermediate School - Communities In Schools of Michigan
Salina Elementary - Communities In Schools of Michigan
Bryant Middle School - Communities in Schools in Michigan
Rogers High School
Old Redford Academy
Woodworth Middle School - Communities in Schools in Michigan
Haigh Elementary - Communities in Schools in Michigan
Detroit Outdoors
Mgbidi Tennis Club
Geer Park Elementary - Communities In Schools of Michigan
Stout Middle School - Communities In Schools of Michigan
Quest Charter Academy - Communities in Schools of Michigan
Lowrey School - Communities In Schools of Michigan
Detroit High Riders Youth Football & Cheer Program
Reimagine Recreation
Boy Scout Troop 499

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Supporters



VOLUNTEERS

We couldn't do this work without all the local families, middle-schoolers, high-schoolers, college groups, and corporate groups dedicating their sweat and time to our cause! LPF WNY welcomed volunteer groups such as **Detroit Red Wings, Rocket Mortgage, Ally Insurance, Ilitch Foundation** 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 incoming donations of sports equipment. Thanks to our community, our shelves are organized and "shoppable" for incoming coaches and P.E. teachers.

386

hours
volunteered

212

volunteers

29

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!

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2025 Major Funders



2025 Major In-Kind Donors

Academy of Sacred Heart
 Adient
 Birmingham Ice Arena
 Burns Seneca Fischer Jr Block Club
 BWW Arena
 Canton Lions Junior Football Club
 Chesterfield Parks and Recreation
 Detroit Lions
 Detroit Outdoors
 East Side Youth Sports Foundation

Easterseals Miracle League of Greater Flint
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Michigan
 First Tee Greater Detroit
 Lockton Companies
 Monroe Family YMCA
 Neighborhood Club
 Pull Buoy, Inc
 St. Paul Catholic School
 SunBundle
 UWM
 Warrior



FY25 Revenue & Expenses

REVENUE

Corporate Contributions	\$74,780.00
Foundation Contributions	\$220,000
Individual Contributions	\$5,256.03
Total Revenue	\$300,036.03

EXPENSES

Personnel	\$88,766.04
Facilities & Equipment	\$105,905.45
Program Supplies	\$32,973.07
Travel and Meetings	\$12,567.30
Advertising, Mailing/Shipping, Tech Costs	\$8,326.77
Depreciation	\$13,031.00
Total Expenditures	\$261,569.63

Net Revenue	\$38,366.40
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