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# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT Western New York

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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



**Cam Daugherty,**  
Program Director, LPF WNY

Cam joined LPF as Program Director for Western NY in January 2025. Cam brings a wealth of experience and passion to LPF, holding a master's degree in sports administration from California University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree in sports administration from Edinboro University. Before joining LPF, he served as the Sports Director with YMCA Buffalo Niagara, where he was dedicated to creating impactful athletic opportunities for the community.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Cam's journey began on the basketball and baseball fields, where he played throughout high school. This personal connection to sports fuels his commitment to ensuring all youth have access to the equipment and opportunities needed to participate and succeed.

## We Asked Cam...

### What was your favorite part of 2025?

My favorite part specifically was working with all of the new Summer camp programs we met. It was great to hear how we were able to support these programs directly from the program runners.

### What partnership or collaboration stood out to you in 2025?

Without question, working with the Buffalo Sabres and Buffalo Bills stood out to me the most. Having their staff in the warehouse all together working on different projects with us was incredible. Not to mention the collection drives that they have helped us orchestrate in their spaces!



## 2025 by the Numbers



**\$558,488**

worth of sports equipment **collected**



**\$333,600**

worth of sports equipment **distributed**

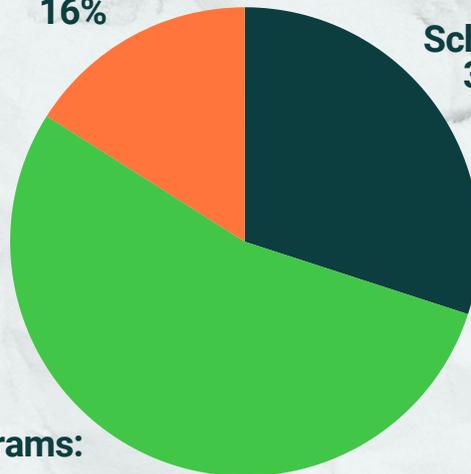
Rec Leagues:  
16%

Schools:  
30%

Youth Programs:  
54%

**148**

total programs  
impacted



**128**

new programs  
reached

## Hear from our beneficiaries...



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We have watched the cost of youth sports rise at an exorbitant rate. The cost to join a team can run well into the thousands, and **the cost to fully equip a lacrosse player averages between \$850-\$1,200**. All of this combined has priced middle and lower income families out of youth sports all together.

The mission of LPF, their hard work, dedication and generosity has allowed us to introduce 120+ kids from varying backgrounds to the great sport of lacrosse. LPF's mission aligns seamlessly with our goals, and their dedication to leveling the playing field for all youth is invaluable.

–South City Lacrosse Club

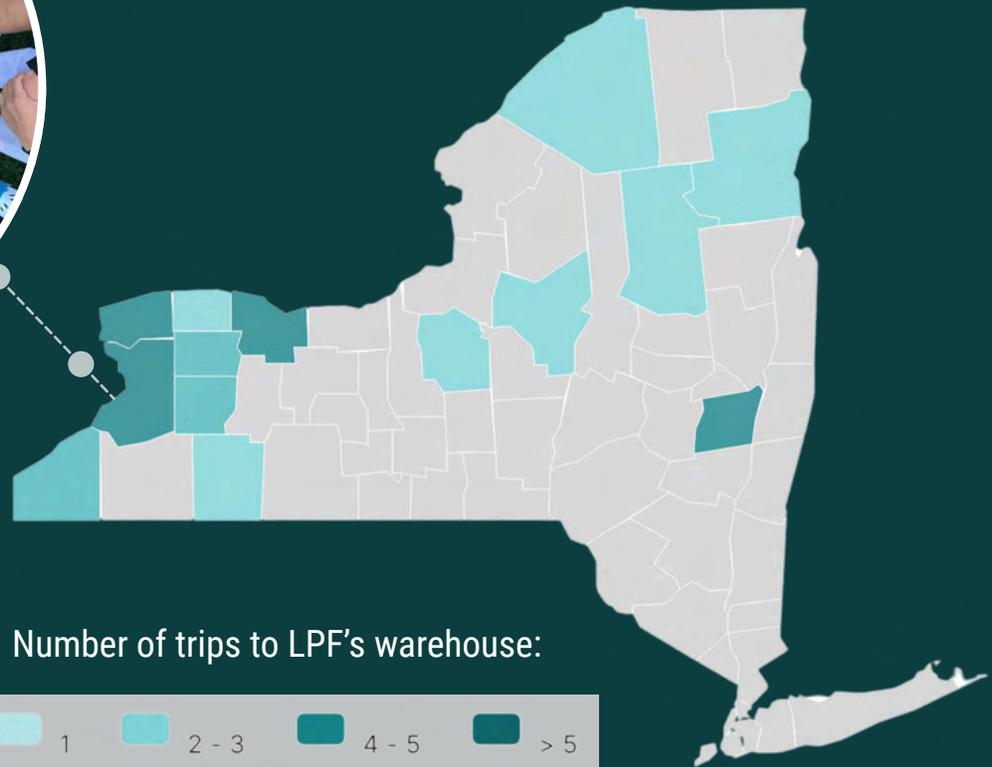
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I left mesmerized by the place and equipment available. Thank you for the donation of soccer equipment to our Lafayette students/youth program. Your support not only provides the tools our young athletes need to play and grow in the sport, but also inspires confidence, teamwork, and a love for the game that will stay with them for years to come.

--Say Yes Buffalo



## Distribution Map



**\$1,227**

Average value of a trip to LPF's warehouse

**272**

total pick-ups from LPF's warehouse

## 2025 Highlights

### LPF WNY KICKS OFF FIRST-EVER FOOTBALL DAY

LPF WNY hosted its first-ever Football Distribution Day in August thanks to local partners including the **Buffalo Bills**, who provided football gloves, practice pants, cleats, mouthguards – and a visit from Billy Buffalo at the warehouse!

Head coaches from **(6)** local football programs were able to pick up gear for their student-athletes completely for free. Over **\$15K worth of gear** was distributed in just one afternoon!



### METAL COLLECTION BIN GROWTH

Thanks to the help of local partners including **M&T Bank, New Era Cap Foundation, Paul & Helen Ellis Charitable Trust**, and others, LPF WNY placed **(3)** new bins across Western NY in 2025 with several on deck in 2026!

Metal bins make donating new and gently used sports equipment easier than ever by having multiple sites across the area available to drop gear – you can pick the bin closest to you! In 2025 alone, these bins helped bring in **\$149K+** worth of gear to our warehouse!



**\$149,380**

worth of sports equipment collected in 2025

**8**

metal collection bins total

# PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2025

716 Squash  
AltarN8V Youth Group (Tree of Life)  
Amateur Athletic Foundation DBA: Buffalo United  
Amlima Football Club  
AuSable Valley Central School  
Azeem Family Foundation  
Batavia Youth Lacrosse  
Bears Youth Football & Cheer Inc  
Bethesda World Harvest International Church (Say Yes)  
Bits and Bytes STEM Foundation  
Bosnian Community Center of CNY  
Boys and Girls Club of Boston  
Boys and Girls Club of Eden Lakeshore  
Boys and Girls Club of Orchard Park  
Breaking Barriers Buffalo  
Bridges from Borders  
Buffalo Academy of Science  
Buffalo Kids  
Buffalo Regals Hockey Association  
Buffalo Sports Project  
Buffalo Urban League, Inc.  
Buffalo Vets  
BUILD Community School #92  
Cameron County High School  
Cameron County Highschool Quarterback Club  
Cataract Elementary School  
Catholic Academy of West Buffalo  
Chautauqua Striders  
Cheektowaga Central School District  
Cheektowaga Soccer Club  
Cheektowaga Youth and Recreation  
City Honors Women's Rugby FC  
Cold Spring Bible Chapel (Say Yes)  
Conner's Childrens Center, Child and Family Services  
CSAT  
Depew-Lancaster Boys & Girls Club Inc.  
Dorothy J. Collier Community Center (Say Yes)  
Durand Eastman Elementary School  
Early Childhood Center (BPS 90)  
East Community High School  
East Irondequoit Middle School  
East Upper/Lower School (Rochester)  
Eastridge High School  
Eastside Little League Igloo Ball

Edison Career and Technology High School  
Empire Homeschool Group  
Erie Regional Housing Development Corporation dba The Belle Center  
FlowerCity Panthers Youth Athletics  
Freddie Thomas Middle School  
Frederick Law Olmsted (BPS 156)  
G.I.R.L.S Sports Foundation, Inc  
GearUp4Kidz  
Genesee County Park & Forest  
GJ Mann Elementary School  
Global Concepts Charter School  
Gloria J. Parks Community Center  
Green Tech Charter High School  
GS300 Service Learning Abroad (DR)  
Harry F. Abate Elementary School  
Hasek's Heroes  
Health Sciences Charter School  
Helendale Primary School  
Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League  
Hutch Tech High School  
Independent Health- YMCABN  
Ivan Green Primary School  
Jeremiah 22:16 Incorporated  
Junior League of Buffalo  
Karen Society of Buffalo  
Ken-ton - YMCABN  
Kenmore East High School  
King Center Charter School  
Lackawanna High School  
Laurelton Pardee Intermediate School  
Lewiston-Porter Youth Football and Cheer  
Light House Soccer League  
Lockport- YMCABN  
Loretta Johnson Middle School  
Lorraine Elementary (BPS 72)  
Maritime Charter School  
Math Science Technology Preparatory School (BPS 197)  
McKinley High School (BPS 305)  
Metro Community Development Corporation  
Middle Early College HS  
Mmbondo FC  
Montgomery Youth Hockey Association  
Newcomb Central School  
Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club

# PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2025

*Niagara Falls Cataract Youth Football & Cheerleading*  
*Niagara Falls Community Center*  
*Niagara Falls High School*  
*Niagara Gospel Mission*  
*Nickel City Community Services*  
*North Cheektowaga Amateur Athletic Association*  
*North East Little League*  
*NorthGate Church (Say Yes)*  
*Our Lady of Victory Elementary School*  
*Parker Academy (Say Yes)*  
*Pine Creek Softball*  
*Pioneer Jr. Panthers Youth Football and Cheerleading Organization*  
*Police Activities League of Massena*  
*Police Athletic League of Buffalo, Inc.*  
*Push Buffalo*  
*Queen City Performing Arts Co-op*  
*Resource Council of WNY*  
*Rise In Victory Foundation ( Say Yes)*  
*River Flow Soccer Club Inc.*  
*Robert F. Wagner Secondary School for Arts & Technology*  
*Rochester E6*  
*Rochester Hispanic Youth Baseball League, Inc.*  
*Rochester Titans Baseball Team*  
*Rochester Volleyball Academy*  
*Rush-Henrietta School District*  
*Say Hey Kids - Summer Sandlot*  
*Say Yes Buffalo*  
*SB Lacrosse, Inc.*  
*Seneca Street CDC*

*Somali Bantu Community Organization of Buffalo*  
*South Buffalo Baseball Association*  
*South Park High School*  
*Southtowns Catholic School*  
*Southtowns- YMCABN*  
*Special Olympics New York, Inc.*  
*Springville Youth, Inc.*  
*St. Luke's Mission of Mercy (Say Yes)*  
*Tapestry Charter School*  
*The Brickx Youth Football and Cheer*  
*The Champion Project*  
*The Rural Outreach Center Inc.*  
*The Valley Community Association*  
*The Zone*  
*United Athletic Services*  
*United Somali Alliance of Buffalo*  
*Upstate Franchise Basketball Association*  
*Village of Youngstown Recreation Department*  
*WEDI (Say Yes)*  
*West Side Baseball/ Softball & T-ball*  
*Western New York Association of Blind Athletes*  
*Western NY DDSO*  
*Willie Hutch Jones Educational & Sports Program*  
*Wilson Magnet High School*  
*WNY Bandits*  
*WNY DDSO/Evans IES*  
*WNY YMBL Inc*  
*YMCA Camp Kenan*  
*YMCA Camp Weona*  
*YWCA WNY*



## 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 **Clearsulting, M&T Bank, Buffalo Bills, Hilbert College,** 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.

683

hours  
volunteered

342

volunteers

87

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!

## 2025 Major Funders

**Edward H. Butler  
Foundation**



## 2025 Major In-Kind Donors

1-800-GOT-JUNK (WNY)  
 1-800-GOT-JUNK (ROCHESTER)  
 Buffalo Bills  
 Buffalo Sabres  
 Buffalo Vets  
 Canisius University  
 Ciminelli Real Estate  
 Clarence Soccer Club  
 Community Bank Buffalo  
 East Aurora Union Free School  
 District  
 Ebenezer United Church of Christ  
 First Tee WNY  
 Flash Fields  
 Full Circuit Athletics  
 Gallagher WNY  
 Grand Island Soccer Club  
 Hasek's Heroes  
 Hot Corner Athletics  
 Imagine for Youth Foundation  
 Independent Health  
 Iroquois Central School District  
 Lancaster High School  
 Lockport- YMCA  
 Lou Gehrig Youth Baseball and  
 Softball  
 Nardin Academy  
 New York State West Youth  
 Soccer  
 Association  
 Nichols School  
 North Tonawanda Babe Ruth  
 Baseball  
 Oliver Hughes  
 Orchard Park Little League

Orchard Park Rec. and Park  
 Dept  
 Orchard Park Soccer Club  
 Orchard Park Youth Basketball  
 Paddock Chevrolet Ice Arena  
 Perinton Parks and Recreation  
 Rochester Community Sports  
 Complex  
 Runner's Roost  
 Schottland Family YMCA  
 Softball Central Training  
 Southline Little League  
 Southtowns- YMCA  
 Sportsplex - WNY  
 St Amelia School  
 The Country Club of Buffalo  
 The Park School of Buffalo  
 The R.O.C.K.  
 Total Sports Experience  
 Townsquare Media Buffalo  
 University at Buffalo  
 West Seneca Central School  
 District  
 West Seneca West Middle  
 School  
 Western New York PGA  
 Williamsville Jr. Football &  
 Cheer  
 Willie Hutch Jones Educational  
 & Sports Program

# FY25 Revenue & Expenses

## REVENUE

Corporate Contributions	\$38,187.04
Foundation Contributions	\$225,000.00
Individual Contributions	\$6,326.83
Earned Income	\$1,881.85
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$271,599.46</b>

## EXPENSES

Personnel	\$97,086.25
Facilities & Equipment	\$92,937.25
Program Supplies	\$19,943.81
Travel and Meetings	\$6,604.28
Miscellaneous	\$6,702.34
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$223,273.93</b>

<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$48,325.53</b>
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## WESTERN NEW YORK

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### Advisory Council

**London Booker**  
*Rochester E6*

**Grace Harner**  
*Ciminelli Real Estate*

**Olivia Linke**  
*Univera Health Care*

**Shantel Coleman**  
*Martin Group*

**Demone Harris**  
*Supreme Lending*

**Karen Makar**  
*M&T Bank*

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