



LPP | LEVELING THE
PLAYING FIELD

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

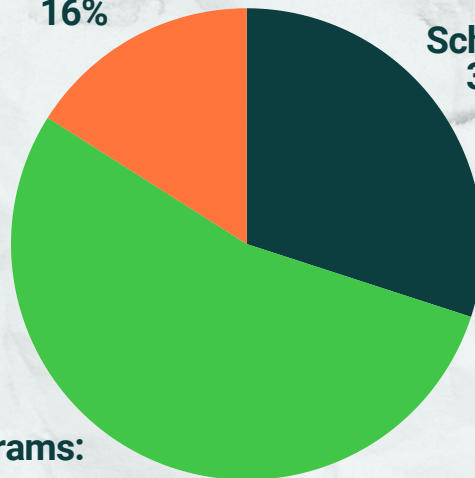
worth of sports equipment **distributed**

Rec Leagues:
16%

Schools:
30%

148

total programs
impacted



Youth Programs:
54%

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

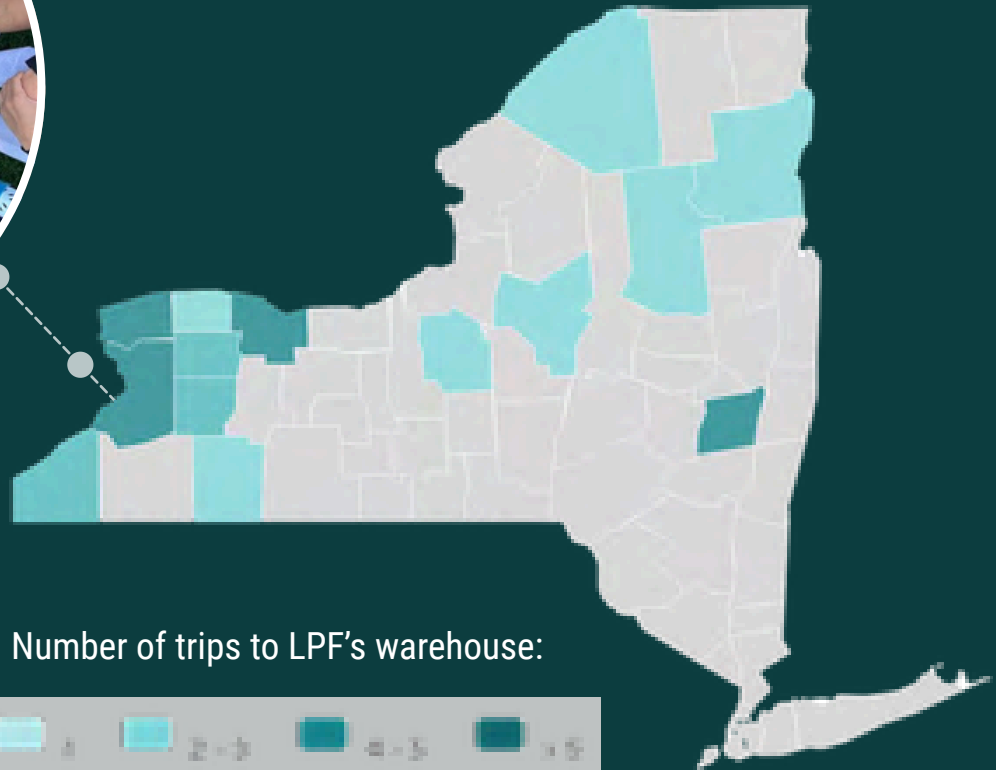
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I left mesmerized by the place and equipment available. Thank you for the donation of soccer equipment to our Lafayette students/youth program. Your support not only provides the tools our young athletes need to play and grow in the sport, but also 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
Total Revenue	\$271,599.46

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
Total Expenditures	\$223,273.93

Net Revenue	\$48,325.53
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