



THE GOAL IS GIVING

Peace Passers Shows Off NoDa's Philanthropic Side

by Candace Murray

PeacePassers.org is a non-profit organization started four years ago by Candace Cooper-Murray, her brother Caleb Cooper, Scott Herlihy, Sean Frye, and Ian Guthrie out of their mutual love of soccer. Through a collaborative approach, its mission serves to collect and distribute soccer supplies to people and communities throughout the world. Using soccer as a vessel, Peace Passers strives to provide positive social change in the communities it serves by empowering youth and maximizing hope.

Murray serves as the director of the organization which re-distributes new and used soccer supplies to impoverished areas around the world from a base of operations here in NoDa. At 2804 Yadkin Ave, people can drop off their donated soccer gear or mission teams and sports ministries can pick up items for their trips. "It's a true way to connect people in a local to global sense, through the common avenue of soccer," says Murray.

If you are a business owner or work for a company that contributes funds to support charitable community efforts you can help by encouraging donations to be dedicated to Peace Passers (tax deductible under code 501c3 of the IRS). Individual or family cash donations are also greatly appreciated! For more information on ways to be involved contact Candace Murray: peacepassersinfo@gmail.com

PEACE PASSERS QUICK FACTS

Number of new & used soccer equipment items collected since 2008 = 19,805

Number of items collected in 2011 = 9,313

Peace Passers has connected donated gear to 143 collaborative distributions reaching 42 different countries around the world: Afghanistan, Angola, Belize, Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Galapagos, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mexico, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Senegal, Seville, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, St. Lucia, Suriname, Tanzania, Thailand, The Gambia, Trinidad, Uganda, Ukraine, United States, Yap, Zambia. (Data reflects distributions Jan 2008-Jan 2012)