

Peace Passers Organization

Engaging with people in communities throughout the world, we have come across people living in environments incomparable to even the poorest of conditions in the United States. Yet amongst these dire conditions, time after time we noticed a commonality that we could relate to.

The common connection of the game of soccer is shared worldwide.

No matter the setting or surroundings, it is the pure sight of a soccer field that instinctively excites the soul and stirs up the potential for play.



“Soccer doesn’t revolve around the world, the world revolves around soccer.”

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The PEACE PASSERS Foundation

We believe all people have potential. By maximizing human capabilities, daily experiences become sources of joy.

Playing sports influences quality of life, thus promoting mutual respect, unity, and peacefulness with human relationships.

The culture of soccer allows people to gain insight into positive connections with peers, family, & community. Passion for the game and for all people becomes parallel.



WHO WE ARE

Mission

Through a collaborative approach our mission serves to collect and distribute basic soccer supplies to people and communities throughout the world. Peace Passers supports team development and the funding of sustainable sports league play to empower youth & maximize hope for all participants locally and globally.

Vision

We believe in putting our vision to reality. Using soccer as our vessel, we strive to provide positive social change in the communities we serve. The nature of the game inherently creates harmony and unity, serving as a way to spread joy and peace across cultural and economic boundaries. Maintaining an innovative approach, we will continue to give back to the game of soccer what it has given to us.



"THIS IS THE LIFE WE PLAY"

WHO WE ARE

The Peace Passers organization receives donations of soccer equipment from people across the United States inspired to give back to the world's beautiful game.

We have welcomed equipment shipped by participating donators from all regions across the United States; **26 states so far & still counting:** (AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MA, MD, MN, NC, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, PA, SC, TX, VA, WA, WI) - as of Jan 2011

**SINCE JANUARY 2008 = OVER 10,000
SOCCER ITEMS DONATED TO THE PEACE
PASSERS**

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DONATION OF SOCCER GEAR



DONATION OF GEAR

Ask yourself, your family, your teammates:

- What do you do once your child has grown out of their soccer gear?
- How often does your club, high school, or college team get new jerseys?
- Do you need to complete a community service project? It is easy and FUN to have your own Peace Passers donation drive with your friends!

What equipment do we accept?

- Soccer balls in good condition
 - They still hold air
 - Size 3, 4, or 5
- Team sets of jerseys or practice shirts.
 - Last season's jerseys, practice gear, practice pinnies, etc
- Team sets of shorts
- Soccer socks
- Soccer shoes only
 - Indoor turfs or outdoor cleats in good condition
 - For example boots you or your kids have grown out of, or cleats that you know are still good for play
- Goalie jerseys & gloves, flat field cones, whistles, ball pumps
- Sport duffle bags, backpacks, are an excellent way to pack the gear.

The Equipment Surplus. "What's old becomes new"



Peace Passers = a platform for Youth Servant Leadership



Peace Passers birthday parties & community service projects!

WHO HAS DONATED EQUIPMENT?

- Adidas America
- AYSO Region 605 (Charlotte, NC)
- Belleview High School (Ocala, FL)
- Central Christian College (McPherson, KS)
- Charlotte Jr. Soccer League (Charlotte, NC)
- Charlotte Sports Center (Charlotte, NC)
- Chili Soccer Association (Rochester, NY)
- Creeks Athletic Soccer Association (Jacksonville, FL)
- Eisenhower Soccer Club Vancouver, WA)
- Flagler College (St. Augustine, FL)
- FC Bratz/FC Sparta Club (San Diego, CA)
- Gainesville Soccer Association (Gainesville, FL)
- Gastonia United Soccer Club
- Greater Arlington Soccer Club (Jacksonville, FL)
- IMG Academies (Bradenton, FL)
- Interlink Soccer (Charlotte, NC)
- Kickers Soccer Club (Aurora, IL)
- Madison Soccer Club (Madison, NJ)
- Mass Premier Soccer (Waltham, MA)
- Metrolina Soccer League (Charlotte, NC)
- Minnesota Thunder Academy (Minneapolis, MN)
- North Meck Soccer Club (NMSC) (Huntersville, NC)
- Soccer Club (Cornelius, NC)
- Queens University of Charlotte Men's & Women's Soccer Teams (Charlotte, NC)
- Sartell High School (Sartell, MN)
- Soccer Express (St. Paul, MN)
- South Iredell Soccer Association (SISA)
- Sporting Charlotte Men's & Women's Soccer
- Tanque Verde Soccer Club (TVSC) (Tucson, AZ)
- Township Youth Soccer (Woodbridge, NJ)
- U.S. Australian Football League
- University of North Carolina Charlotte- Women's Team
- USA Men's National Team U-17 (Bradenton, FL)
- Wakulla County High School (Tallahassee, FL)
- Individuals, families, youth service projects, mitzvah projects, birthday parties also provide a creative way for participation in donating equipment

This list is growing daily. Join those who have participated in putting soccer gear back into play!

WHERE IS THE EQUIPMENT GOING?

So far distribution has reached 30 countries

- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Belize
- Brazil
- Cameroon
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Iraq
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Rwanda
- Suriname
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- United States
- Zambia



Who is helping distribute the soccer gear to global communities?

- Mission teams (churches)
- Sports ministries
- Medical mission teams
- Other non-profit organizations
- Peace Corp volunteers
- Organized crate shipments
- Families traveling together
- Individuals



The Solomonson family from Huntersville, NC picked up Peace Passers gear for their service trip to communities in Guatemala.

WHO IS HELPING DISTRIBUTE?

To name a few who have participated in our mission.....

- Charlotte Eagles Soccer (Charlotte, NC) - missions to Kenya, Brazil, Jamaica
- Covenant Day School (Charlotte, NC) – mission to Haiti
- Commonhope.org (Charlotte, NC) – mission to Guatemala
- Casa Attaraya (Attaraya, El Salvador) –
- ComunidadConnect.org (San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua)
- Davidson United Methodist (Davidson, NC) - mission to Guatemala
- Direccion Municipal Deportes (Cuba)
- First Presbyterian Church (Gainesville, FL) – mission to Esteli, Nicaragua
- Global Nurse Initiative (San Francisco, CA)- mission to Uganda
- Habitat for Humanity (Charlotte, NC) – mission to El Salvador (Habitat para Humanidad)
- Habitat for Humanity (Global Village Trips) – El Salvador
- Haitianproject.org - missions to Haiti
- Hopeforangola.org (Chicago, IL)- Angola
- Independence Hill (Huntersville, NC)- missions to Nicaragua
- Jubilee Childrens Center (Nairobi, Kenya)
- LEAPfoundation (Huntersville, NC) – mission to Guatemala
- Librariesforall.org (Loveland CO, & San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua)
- Mac Stone photography (Las Mangas, Guatemala)
- Myers Park Presbyterian Church (Charlotte, NC)- mission to El Salvador, Haiti
- MTIPES Sport Club - youth soccer club in Tanzania
- Peace Corp Volunteers (Niger West Africa, Suriname Northern South America, Gambia)
- Playforhope.org (Rwanda, East-Central Africa)
- SportsOutreach.org (Charlotte, NC) – work in Uganda, EastAfrica
- Urban Eagles CrossCultural Soccer Ministry (Charlotte, NC)- inner-city work in Charlotte
- University Baptist Church (Charlotte, NC) – mission to Isiolo, Kenya
- SportsOutreachministry.net (Charlotte, NC) - mission to Uganda
- Sports Outreach Institute (Charlotte, NC) - mission to Mexico
- St. Matthews Catholic Church (Charlotte, NC)- mission to Haiti
- ThePowerofOneministry.org (Charlotte, NC) – mission to Somotillo, Nicaragua
- Turmo Do Sitio (Charlotte, NC to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- Trinity United Methodist Church (Gainesville, FL)- mission to Haiti, Dom Republic
- University City Church (Gainesville, FL)- mission to Las Casitas, Honduras
- Youth and Young Adult Network of the National Farm Worker Industry (Hastings, FL)
- Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian (Charlotte, NC)- mission to Guatemala

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- ✓ Donate soccer equipment (new or used). Email us @ peacepassersinfo@gmail.com to find out current shipping locations
- ✓ Make a \$ donation via cash, check, or paypal on our website (tax-deductible under 501c3 code).
- ✓ Hold a Peace Passers fundraiser event with your friends, teammates, school, church, or local community.
- ✓ Volunteer to take PeacePassers soccer gear with you when traveling to global areas of need with (ie: mission trips, peace corp, sports ministries, etc). Email us @ peacepassersinfo@gmail.com
- ✓ Buy a Peace Passers t-shirt.
- ✓ Put a Peace Passers sticker on your car!
- ✓ Spread the good word by talking about PeacePassers to others.
- ✓ Help us connect to a sustainable corporate sponsor or endowment partner.
- ✓ Take part in the Peace Passers Patch Program <http://peacepassers.org/the-patch-program>
- ✓ Share the www.PeacePassers.org website.
- ✓ Become a Fan @ [Facebook.com/PeacePassers](https://www.facebook.com/PeacePassers)
- ✓ If your company or employer allows you to designate donations to a charity of choice. Help out by choosing Peace Passers for your donation. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization. If you have time or services that you believe are beneficial to the mission of our work, feel free to give us suggestions.

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The message is simple. The impact is powerful.



Help us pass the peace...

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LEARNED TO LIVE;
IT’S HOW I FOUND MY
WAY THROUGH LIFE.”
- ANONYMOUS