Local soccer player raises funds and equipment for kids

TUCSON — Nine-year old Payton Rudnick, a Tucson soccer player for many years, realized that many kids world-wide would love to have the soccer experience but just needed some good equipment. Payton spent time researching for an organization that he could team-up with that accepted equipment and then distributed it throughout the world. He found the perfect non-profit in Charlotte, N.C. called Peace Passers.

Payton's Mitzvah project is to bring joy to other kids around the world by raising \$2500, 250 soccer balls, and 250 team jerseys and then shipping them to Peace Passers.

The project will continue from now through April 2011. Payton will be having booths for donations at all of the major soccer tournaments throughout Pima County.

Play It Again Sports is helping with boxes in each

store that people can leave equipment in whether they purchase it at Play It Again Sports or elsewhere.

At tournaments around the county look for the tent with the name Peace Passers.

Equipment can be purchased at the tournaments and then donated to Peace Passers during the day.

Information can be obtained by calling Payton Rudnick at (520) 991-8333.

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