



Participants in organized youth sports are:

- 3 times more likely to graduate from high school
- 92% less likely to get involved with drugs
 - 15% more likely to go to college
 - 30% less likely to be obese
- 40% more likely to have better test scores
- AND:**
- 75% less likely to go to jail

*The Aspen Institute / Project Play

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE...



“Today, a child in a low-income urban community is four times less likely to play sports after school than a child in a more affluent community.”
Up2Us Sports

(The problem facing our inner city youth)



“Now, this is a treasure. Why is it a treasure? It needs to be a treasure for community and for those ball teams and our young people to have routine access back to their own facilities and until that happens an injustice has been done.”

- John Cooper, Edgehill Community Day 2019

The mayor speaking on why the parks (especially Edgehill) are so important to inner City Youth for their development and future success



Your donation will make a real difference in the lives of Nashville's inner-city youth.

By supporting Kids & Coaches you can help us grow inner-city youth sports programs and create positive change in our community.



Every dollar counts! Please consider donating to Kids and Coaches to help us reach and support the kids that need our help the most!

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KIDS AND COACHES INNER CITY PERSONAL ADVOCACY



Nashville RBI Waverly-Belmont Bulldogs Football & Cheerleading

Mission Statement:

Kids and Coaches, a 501c(3) charity, advocates year round for Nashville's underserved 5-12 year old inner-city children using local city parks and community centers so they can be included in youth sports leagues, which are effective in raising children out of the poverty cycle and increasing grades, educational success, health, and reducing criminal involvement and incarceration.

Because this population has neither the funds or transportation to travel any distance we use the local community centers and public fields to conduct the sports leagues for the well being of the kids, community, and city.



WAVERLY BELMONT BULLDOGS (WBB)

Waverly Belmont Bulldogs (WBB) has been in existence for over 40 years, and they are an active Members of the Tennessee Youth Football League. "Their goals are to deliver the best possible character-building activity that not only makes great men and women, but also teaches teamwork, ethics, self-control, and community skills that everyone needs. Studies show the impact of youth sports carried through high school into adult life."



Suburban private sports can cost up to \$880 per child per season: Kids & Coaches only charges \$60 per child, or the parent pays what they can...

5 to 12 year old inner-city kids are not eligible for private school sports because of lack of transportation and funds



Davon Starling, a Waverly-Belmont Bulldog and Nashville RBI Alumni, wins Titan Football Player of the Year. He wants youth to know that "there are other ways you can go to better yourself, you gotta know that you want better for yourself"



We need volunteers and community support:

- Use of city and private fields
- Funding from charities, private corporations, and churches



THE KING HOLLANDS AND GLORIA MCKISSACK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Kids & Coaches presented awards to those students who have attended our sports programs and are now attending university.

We have 26 recipients of these rewards. The Girls will be receiving the Gloria McKissack Award and the Boys will be receiving the King Hollands Award.

Both Gloria and King are the veterans of the sit-ins of the 1961 civil right movement in Nashville with John Lewis that broke open the Jim Crow barriers in the south. Those sit-ins allowed African Americans a seat at the table in a restaurant and led them to getting a seat at the university.



Inner-city community centers and fields should be available to the kids who live in the area.



We are asking for your help to rebuild the inner-city youth sports program and make the landscape all-in-collusive.

A broad body of research shows that team sports can help enhance concentration, have a positive effect on classroom behavior, and deliver social and psychological benefits, including higher self-esteem, goal-setting, and leadership.

