

Giving wings to youth APRIL 2024

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# THE RISE OF GIRLS SPORTS

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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

#### Dear OCF community,

Our Foundation opens its 32nd year with gratitude and anticipation. We have a dedicated board with six talented new members, a first-rate leadership team, many deserving grant recipients, and a growing number of



generous donors that embrace our mission to help youth advance through the power of sports.

If you're reading this letter, you understand the power

of sports. They challenge us, motivate us, inspire us, they bring us together as a community. Think back to your favorite childhood sports memory. Smell the fresh cut grass, or the wax on the court, hear the noise of the fans. Remember the excitement you felt before every game, as if nothing else mattered in the world. Now hear your coach's voice, preparing you for your competition, encouraging you, helping you get better, modeling how to be a leader. We're all fortunate to have these memories, and we're fortunate to have a Foundation that helps create these memories for young people today.

## Help us bring the positive, life-changing power of sports to the next generation.

In 2023, we gave out over \$700,000 to 74 hand-picked Bay Area organizations. Take a look at the nearby list of grantees; I'm sure you'll recognize a few of them. Collectively, they are changing thousands of young lives. But the need is even greater, as we turn down more grant requests than we accept. We've set an ambitious 4-year goal of increasing our annual grants to \$1 million and our endowed funds to \$10 million. With your support, I know we can get there sooner.

If you're curious about the OCF, please attend one of our many great events in 2024. Come see the important work we do while enjoying the fun and inspiration that we bring. Last year we were lucky to partner with sports legends Nathan Adrian, Ronnie Lott, Mitch Richmond, Garry St. Jean, Hunter Pence, and Aly Wagner. This year we'll have another great slate of legends to inspire and entertain.

Regards and Thanks,

Matt Niehaus President, The Olympic Club Foundation

#### SUPPORT THE 2024 CAMPAIGN FOR KIDS TOD

Your gift to the 2024 Campaign For Kids will make a huge difference in the lives of young athletes. Your support last year allowed the OCF to give out a record \$700,000+ in grants to 74 youth sports programs in the Bay Area's 9 counties! To make an online gift via ledger or credit card, please see the QR code at right. Checks can be sent to The Olympic Club Foundation at 524 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

**Cover:** The Junior Giants program. For more information on the Junior Giants' great work, visit **gojrgiants.org. Right:** The Jewish Community High School of the Bay Girls Varsity Soccer Team.



#### THE FOUNDATION ADDS SIX NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Olympic Club Foundation is thrilled to announce that we have strengthened our Board by adding six new members in 2024: **Bill Cartwright** (NBA, retired), **Brad DeJean** (Partner, Clean Energy Counsel), **Scott Feldman** (MLB, retired), **Kurt Houtkooper** (CEO of Hamilton Zanze), **Claude Perasso** (Law, retired), and **Greg Vaughan** (Morgan Stanley).



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# 2023–2024 GRANTS YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK!

#### **3M Track Club**

Funding for track and field kits for all athletes — warmups, singlets, shorts, and backpacks with 3M logo

Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League (DSAL) To purchase uniforms for the boys, girls, and co-ed soccer programs

Alameda Education Foundation For scholarships and facility rentals for middle school sports program

Alternative Family Services, Inc. Funding for foster youth to participate in organized athletic opportunities

Aspire East Palo Alto Charter School under fiscal sponsor of Aspire Public Schools

Funding for athletic equipment, uniforms, transportation and staff stipends for boys and girls basketball, volleyball, and soccer programs

**Bay Area Disc Association** To create a Fall Girls Ultimate Frisbee program for new and beginner middle school players

Bay Area SCORES Funding for coaches, jerseys, and balls for soccer program

Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative Funding to support the athlete leaders (coaches)

Bayview Hunters Point YMCA of San Francisco Program support to expand CYO Sports participation

**Beyond Barriers Athletic Foundation** Funding for scholarships for aquatics programs and swim lessons

**Boys & Girls Club of the Coastside** Golf bags for the golf program participants

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland** Funding for new basketballs, uniforms, and program fee subsidies as well as repairs to damaged court

**Casa Circulo Cultural** Funding for uniforms, equipment, and scholarships for their tae kwon do and boxing programs

**Catholic Charities CYO of the Archdiocese of San Francisco** Funding for archery equipment and to renovate archery range

**Challenged Athletes, Inc. (CAF)** Funding for travel grants for youth athletes to attend CAF Adaptive Sports clinics

**City Youth Now** Funding for youth to participate in sports as part of the personal empowerment program

**Community Youth Center (Boxing Program)** Funding for equipment, uniforms, and program costs

**Concord Youth Football** To purchase helmets and pads and help with the cost of field rental fees

East Bay United Soccer Club Funding for scholarships for youth to participate in the program **East Palo Alto Razorhawks Rugby Football Club** Support for program costs for boys and girls rugby

El Cerrito High School Mountain Bike Team ("ECHS MTB") To purchase additional bikes for program participants

First Tee Oakland Funding for program costs and scholarships

Giants Community Fund Funding to support the Junior Giants program

Hayward Aggies Youth Football and Cheer To purchase helmets, football uniforms, and cheer uniforms

Holy Name School To purchase a new volleyball system (net and poles)

ICA Cristo Rey To support transportation costs and facility rental for swimming program

Marin Highlanders Youth Rugby Club Funding for scholarships, uniforms, and field rental fees

Menlo-Atherton Football Association To purchase new football helmets

NCOE Foundation Funding for transportation, jerseys, and sports equipment for sports program Oakland Field of Dreams Funding to help with the cost of fance repair, installation of dugout gates a

Funding to help with the cost of fence repair, installation of dugout gates, a mower, and storage shed

Oakland Soccer Club To purchase new equipment, help with field maintenance, referee costs, and scholarships

#### **PlayMarin**

To help support and expand summer water sports program so youth can participate in surfing, sailing, rowing, and swimming

Pomeroy Recreation & Rehabilitation Center Funds to help refinish and re-stripe gym floor and buy ten basketballs and basketball rack

**Presidio Community YMCA** Funding for swimming lessons for boys and girls in elementary school and to help provide access to the youth swim team

Put Me In! Funding for children of incarcerated parents to participate in sports

**Real Nine Football Foundation** Funding for scholarships and equipment for football program

**Real Options for City Kids (R.O.C.K.)** To support program costs for basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, cheerleading, volleyball, and football programs

**Rich May Foundation** To purchase team benches and a scoreboard

Running for a Better Oakland Funding for the cost of race entry fees for students to participate

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Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory To purchase equipment for wellness and fitness training program

Saint Anthony Immaculate Conception School To purchase new uniforms and equipment, and provide scholarships

Saint Brigid School Athletic Program To help cover the cost of gym rental fees, purchase new basketball hoops and uniforms, and baseball equipment

Salesian Preparatory High School Funds to purchase a gym floor cleaning machine

San Francisco Brown Bombers, Inc. To purchase football helmets and football sleds

San Francisco CalHeat Funding to help grow and expand team handball program and to purchase new equipment

San Francisco Police Activities League Funds to purchase equipment — helmet reconditioning, new shoulder pads and new padded pants

San Jose Police Activities League (SJ PAL) Funding to support football and soccer programs — field rental fees, scholarships, and uniforms

#### San Mateo Police Activities League

Funding for equipment, program costs, and scholarships for baseball, soccer, hiking, ice hockey, handball, pickleball, golf, and martial arts

SF FLAME

Funding to support basketball program — gym rentals, referees, uniforms, and basketballs

Soccer Without Borders Oakland

Funding for equipment, field rental, and scholarships for middle school girls soccer league

Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance To support program costs for water safety and swimming lessons

South San Francisco United Soccer Club Funding for scholarships, uniforms, and equipment for soccer program

Sports Tech Inc. (DC Stars) To purchase football helmets

SquashDrive, Inc. Funding for program support — new athletic attire and shoes, tournament fees, and transportation

**St. Peter's Catholic School** To help cover student participation fees and to purchase new indoor portable basketball hoops

**Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Association** Funding for coaches, program fees, and uniforms

The San Francisco Rebels To support the cost of team travel for tournaments

Urban Student Athlete Development Academy Funding for facilities rental costs, uniforms, tournament entry fees, and transportation

Vallejo Aquatic Club Funding for scholarships and to purchase uniforms, equipment bags, and travel expenses Washington Sports Foundation

To purchase baseballs and pitching machines

#### Wolverines Rugby Club

To purchase a scrum sled, fund scholarships for registration fees, and help secure field space

#### Youth on Course

To support program costs — uniforms, equipment, access to play golf

#### Clark Drive Endowment

**Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula** To purchase equipment and uniforms to expand their after-school sports program to high school students

David Rawson Memorial Scholarship Manuel Sarabia

#### The Lyn Nelson Golf Endowment for Women, Youth and Girls The Pinkney Foundation

Funding to open a location in Oakland with a golf simulator and putting green

#### Patricia Auslen Athletic Grants

**Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School** Funding to help with the cost of equipment and uniforms for girls basketball, boys basketball, and boys volleyball

**De Marillac Academy** Funding to support PE and CYO sports programs

Salesian Boys' & Girls' Club To purchase athletic uniforms and sporting equipment for their CYO teams

#### William Auslen Athletic Grants

JCC Maccabi Sports Camp (Oshman Family JCC) Funding for scholarships for youth to attend summer camps

**Oakland Hebrew Day School** Funding for coaches' stipends, and program fees

South Peninsula Hebrew Day School For the cost of installing two retractable indoor basketball hoops

The Brandeis School of San Francisco Funding for stipends for coaching staff, facility rental fees, uniforms, equipment, and referee fees for basketball, volleyball, and cross country

#### **Ray Delagnes Family Baseball Endowment**

**St. Ignatius College Preparatory** For a new scoreboard on outdoor multi-purpose athletic field for baseball, softball, soccer, and field hockey

### Gerald Douglas Stratford Tennis Fund & John Trauth Annual Tennis Award Fund

East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring (EPATT) Funding for tennis equipment, uniforms, and coaches' stipends

#### Youth Tennis Advantage

Funding to help with the cost of coaches to expand the program into Richmond





AQUATICS SHOWCASE DINIED

With four-time Olympic Gold Medalist Ryan Murphy and KNBR's Brian Murphy

The Olympic Club Foundation will hold the 2nd annual Aquatics Showcase Dinner on April 18 at the City Clubhouse with four-time Olympic Gold Medalist Ryan Murphy and KNBR's Brian Murphy. Also attending are Olympic swimmers Nathan Adrian, Abbey Weitzeil and Tom Shields. Sponsor a table to help support youth swimming programs in the Bay Area's nine counties.

# April 18, 2024

Aquatics Showcase - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

The show in the Natatorium is complimentary for members. The dinner is a ticketed event.



**WE NEED YOUR HELP** Scan the QR code to sponsor a table or purchase tickets.



### \$50,000 "RISE OF GIRLS SPORTS" MATCHING CHALLENGE!

The Olympic Club has seen an increased demand for funding across all youth sports programs in the Bay Area and has specifically experienced a jump in applications to fund girls programs. The facts shared with us by our grantees make a very compelling case:

- 94% of female C-suite executives played sports;
- 61% of female executives say sports contributed to their career success;
- Girls who play sports report higher levels of confidence at all ages, have higher GPAs and have higher opinions of their abilities;
- Girls who are involved in sports are 14% more likely to believe that they are smart enough for their dream career.

For this reason, a generous former Olympic Club Foundation Board Member has pledged to match all donations in April to the OCF's "Rise of Girls Sports" Campaign, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000. Let's make a difference in the lives of these girls!

"The support of The Olympic Club Foundation has specifically benefited our scholarship program. Currently, 20% of our players in our club program are on scholarship due to financial need. With the help of The Olympic Club Foundation, our goal is to increase that percentage to 40% so that we can continue to support disadvantaged girls that have less opportunities for sports, leadership, female mentoring, and competitive play. Games against other teams teach players under pressure the values of teamwork, overcoming adversity, resilience, sportsmanship, leadership, and healthy competition."

Brianna Russell CEO and Co-Founder of Girls Leading Goals

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#### Make a gift today!

#### **Donate by check:**

Please send to The Olympic Club Foundation at 524 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102, and put "Girls Sports" in the memo.

**Donate online:** Click the QR code below, and be sure to put "Girls Sports" in the "Special Note" section.



#### SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024