



# WINGS

*Giving wings to youth*

DECEMBER 2019



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## THE GIFT OF SPORTS



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



### Dear Friends:

In this, our 28th year, The Olympic Club Foundation has once again been the guardian and champion of youth sports in the Bay Area. Olympians know that sports programs enrich young lives and empower youth to lead and achieve.

Simply put, sports prepare kids to succeed in life. I am pleased to report that in 2019, we were able to fund 55 programs for 34 different sports, across 8 counties. As always, the majority of the kids in these programs qualified for free or subsidized

Thank you for all of the hard work that makes it possible.

**To EVERYONE who has volunteered or donated**, we genuinely appreciate every dollar and every word and act of encouragement.

**To a few of our “game-changers” who have made exceptionally high-impact contributions this year:** Mehra Family, Bill & Mary Poland, Bill & Jeanne Barulich, Art & Carlyse Ciocca, Watson Chou, Dave & Andrea Rawson, Moglia Family Foundation, and Mervyn Brenner Foundation — our most sincere thanks for making this all possible.



The students of St. Thomas More

lunch. This underscores the dire need that is persistently present, but not nearly as visible as the wealth all around us. We will continue to rise to strengthen these vital programs.

The continued success of our mission is only possible because of the generous contributions of many, and we are deeply grateful. In this season of thanks, and on behalf of the 23,000 kids we served this year, we would like to recognize a few key contributors:

**To our grants committee** — the role of meeting and vetting our amazing grantees is often rewarding, but the allocation of our scarce resources among these many deserving groups can be positively gut-wrenching. Thank you for ensuring that every dollar is meticulously granted where the positive impact will be greatest.

**To all the volunteers for our gala events** — Connoisseurs for the Kids and Fight Night — we treasure these opportunities to gather friends, raise awareness, and raise some critical funds.

**Finally, to Rebecca Figone, our Executive Director**, who is retiring this June following 10 years of dedicated service — thank you for being a consistent, driving force for our mission.

On that last topic, our search for a new star Executive Director is underway, so if you know a great candidate who can propel us forward for the next decade, please learn more at [www.olympicclubfoundation.org/news](http://www.olympicclubfoundation.org/news)

For anyone who would like to get involved, contribute, or simply learn more, please visit the office on the 3rd floor (City Clubhouse), or send us a note at [info@olympicclubfoundation.org](mailto:info@olympicclubfoundation.org)

With gratitude,

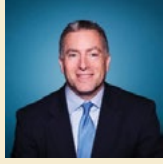
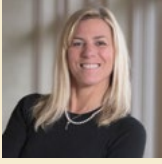
**Tony Scuderi**  
*President*  
*The Olympic Club Foundation*





## THANK YOU

On behalf of everyone at The Olympic Club Foundation, a very big thank you to **Joan Schriger**, **Michael Douglass** and **Ed Rudloff** for their service on the Foundation's Board of Directors. We are grateful for the time, treasure and tremendous enthusiasm they contributed.



Thank you Joan, Michael and Ed!

## STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!



VISIT [OCFKIDS.ORG/DONATE](http://OCFKIDS.ORG/DONATE) TODAY!



# FIGHT NIGHT 2020

SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16  
CITY CLUBHOUSE



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## KIDS FROM LOWER-INCOME HOMES FACE INCREASING PARTICIPATION BARRIERS



- Families in U.S. spend **\$693** on average per child in **1** sport
- **42%** of lower-income families **cited cost** as the reason their children do not play sports
- **Only 22%** of kids 6-12 in households with less than \$25,000 annually played sports regularly
- Kids from the lowest-income homes are **over 3x** as likely to be physically inactive

## YOUTH SPORTS ARE LINKED TO LONG TERM PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS

- New research shows **playing team sports reduces likelihood of depression & anxiety** later for people with childhood trauma



- Physically active kids are **1/10 as likely to be obese, more likely to go on to college, and less likely to suffer chronic diseases**

HELP US, HELP THE KIDS! DONATE TODAY.

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List me as: \_\_\_\_\_

(Examples: John or Jane Doe, Mr. & Mrs. John Doe, John & Jane Doe, The Doe Family, etc.)

Mail to: The Olympic Club Foundation, 524 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 or donate online at [www.olympicclubfoundation.org](http://www.olympicclubfoundation.org)

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Charge to my **Olympic Club Ledger**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ledger # \_\_\_\_\_

One time OR

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months OR

Automatic Annual Renewal

Enclosed is **my check** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to The Olympic Club Foundation.

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