



TOPSoccer: Uniting a Community and Serving Children Through the Beautiful Game

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Inclusion

Approximately 2.8 million school-aged children in the U.S. are affected with a disability

2.8 million additional children can be offered the opportunity to play soccer!



Reflection

- **373** clubs / leagues nationwide offer TOPSoccer
- **6,000 +** club and league members of US Youth Soccer
- Approximately **94% of the US Youth Soccer community** is ready for the magical transformation!



What is a Community?

- a group of people living in the same place
- a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals



TOPSoccer
Unites!

Collaboration

People coming together for the love of others and the beautiful game of soccer



Dave

Attorney

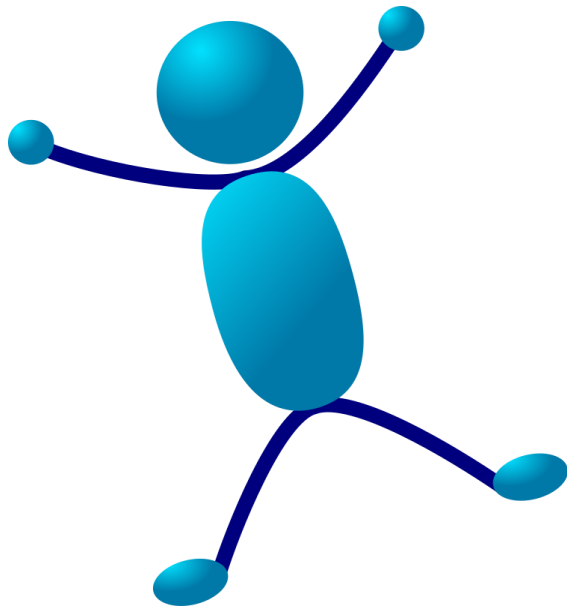


Caring



Juan

Recreation Leader



Enthusiastic



Youseff

Engineer



Patience



Felix

Management



Gentle



Calogera

Writer



Happy



Vinny

Management

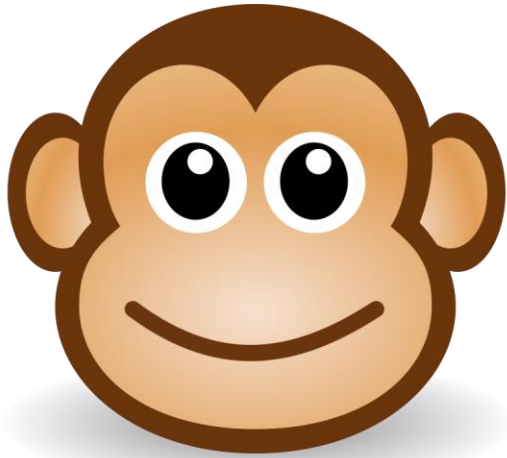


Engaging



Bogie

Soccer Legend

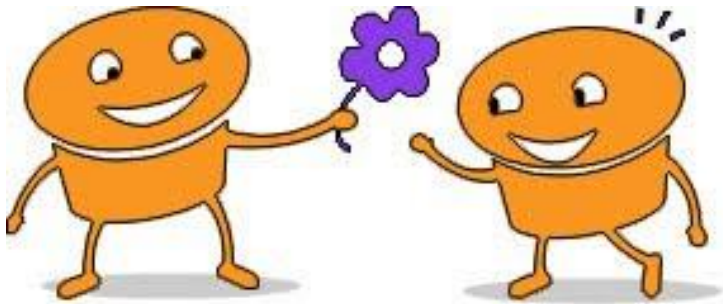


Funny



Patty

Promotions



Selfless

Anne-Sophie

Chief Operations Officer



Kind



TONY

School Teacher

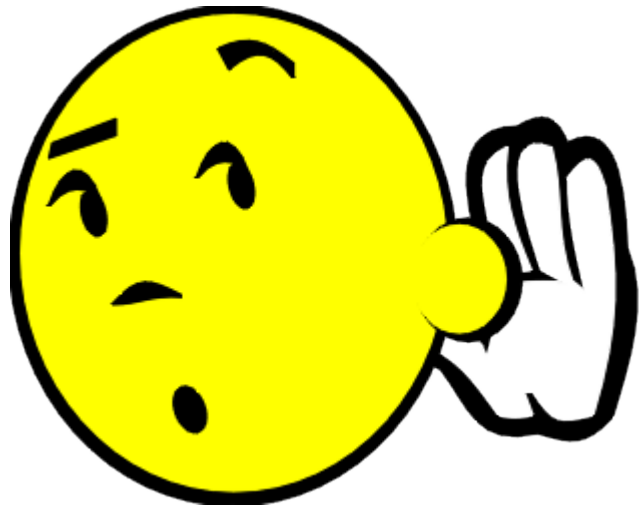


Nurturing



Louie

Student



Attentive



Extended Family

Our staff is much more than a team that cooperates, communicates, and functions as a unit. We come together as an **extended family** with a common love for others and we strive to facilitate fun, engaging, and rewarding, experiences for the players and their families each time we meet.



Unity

People
forming
meaningful
bonds



Love

Nichelle

“Thank you and all the wonderful, dedicated and extremely generous volunteers for loving Stormie and all the children so much. I always say time is one of the most valuable resources, and I am so grateful that we still have Angels on earth who love ALL children. This has been a rough year for Stormie, and I am so thankful that God has shown me that people still have big hearts.”



Support

Krysta & Sheldon

TOPSoccer gives to our daughter a chance to participate in activities just like her brother, while also playing in a comfortable, adaptable, and supportive setting where there is no judgment, only love.



Fun & Friends

Colleen

“I am so grateful to you, your beautiful family, and all the buddies who are so **caring** and **generous** to not just my daughter but to all the kids who are **participating**. You have no idea how much it means to see our kids **having fun, making friends in their own community**. It's an answer to my prayer and I thank you for all your time and hard work. You are very special people.”



Connecting People

Yonathan

- This is a **fun, friendly** environment for my son where he can **be himself and not worry** about making a mistake
- My son can **play** soccer **and learn sport and social skills** while **interacting** with others.
- **Connects** parents from a variety of backgrounds with many **common challenges and goals**
- The **love** for the children expressed by the coaches and buddies is extremely **uplifting**
- We are **united** as a **TOPS-Family**



Community

Jake

G has a hard time relating to other people, so it's incredible to watch him be part of a **community**, work on **skills** with **peers** and **buddies** -- and **want to come back** every week!



Belonging

David

From the moment that we told Jonah that we had signed him up for TOPSoccer, he enthusiastically **looked forward** to the first session. Now it seems as if his **whole weekly routine revolves around TOPSoccer.** In fact, it's become something that our entire **family looks forward to** as well.

Participating in TOPSoccer is providing Jonah with the opportunity to **learn the fundamental skills** of the sport, and **to socialize with other kids.** Jonah is also **very proud to have his own team uniform** - and he makes sure that is washed immediately after practice and neatly folded in his dresser - so that it will be ready for the next practice.

But what really makes TOPSoccer a great success is the **enthusiasm** that you and all of the other "buddies" bring to each practice. From our view on the sidelines, I can tell you that each and every child is **engaged, and having fun.**

On behalf of my family, I extend our most heartfelt appreciation for all of the time and effort that you and all the volunteers have put into TOPSoccer. You are all making a very positive and very huge **difference in Jonah's life,** and we are all greatly appreciative.

TOPSoccer = Brings All of Us Together





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