

# Annual Report 2024

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Mission: Leveling the Playing Field redistributes equipment to

expand access and equity within youth sports and recreation programs in under-resourced communities.

Vision: A world with no sidelines

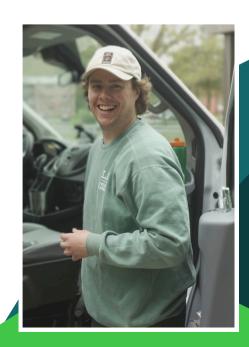


#### **Meet Parker Bratton,** LPF Baltimore Program Director

Parker is a Baltimore native, who grew up in Rhode Island. He moved back to Maryland and attended McDonogh School. He played lacrosse at Stevenson University and graduated in the spring 2015. He joined the LPF team in October 2024. His passion for community engagement and sports advocacy drives his work in coordinating outreach programs to ensure all children can benefit from athletic activities. Before joining LPF, he worked at Harlem Lacrosse and First Tee – Greater Baltimore. Parker enjoys spending time with his son Brooks, and playing golf.

#### Meet Jamie King, **LPF Baltimore Program Associate**

Jamie is a Maryland native who joined LPF in March 2024. He and his two sisters grew up playing any and every sport from rugby to field hockey to soccer and more. He joke's that his parents basement used to look like a mini LPF warehouse growing up. Jamie attended Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, where he got his degree in Sports Marketing, and was also on the rugby team for four years. After graduation, Jamie worked as an operations team member for the Tiger Woods Foundation and as a tournament consultant for US Hole in One. Currently, Jamie works closely with coaches in the community to ensure every kid has a chance to play sports.



## **2024 BY THE NUMBERS**

\$1,111,465

worth of sports equipment collected

\$1,062,332

worth of sports equipment distributed



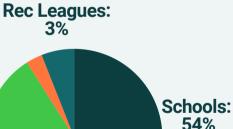
## **Programs Served**

328

total programs impacted

67

new programs reached



Youth Programs: 37%

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## **2024** Impact



96%

report increased participation

99%

report an ability to reallocate funds

52%

report an ability to introduce a new sport

## **HEAR WHAT OUR BENEFICIARIES HAVE TO SAY:**

"The donations that LPF has made to our school has allowed students to experience new sports and allowed our PE program to allocate resources to other needs."

-Parkville Middle School

"LPF's donation has increased our student participation in sports, and culture and climate. Behaviors, attitudes, and attendance has improved with the support from LPF's donations."

-Augusta Fells Savage Institute of the Visual Arts

## **DISTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS**

#### FOOTBALL DAY

LPF Baltimore dedicated a day in August 2024 to distribute football gear to local high schools ahead of their preseason. Football cleats, helmets, shoulder pads, jerseys, and more were all distributed to coaches and athletic directors to help equip their teams. Special thank you to Under Armour for supporting us with gear!

\$19,638.55

worth of football gear

local schools





#### **CSC DAY**

In February 2024, LPF Baltimore distributed supplies once again to community school coordinators across the greater Baltimore area. With the help of our sponsor, LPF Baltimore distributed \$28,970 worth of equipment including backpacks and University of Maryland apparel.

\$28,970.50

worth of equipment

schools

### **MSYSA CLEAT DISTRIBUTION**

In 2024, LPF Greater Baltimore distributed cleats once again through our partnership with Maryland State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA). Together, LPF Baltimore distributed \$7,320 worth of equipment including 357 pairs of cleats, in addition to socks, shin guards, other gear for kids across Maryland.

> 357 number of cleats

pop-ups



## PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2024

10:12 Sports Carroll Adaptive Lacrosse - Central Carroll Recreation 302 Sharks Youth Sports Carroll County Public Schools 4Troy Foundation/Woodbridge Warriors Carver Vocational-Technical High School Abbottson Elementary Catonsville Center for Alternative Studies Aberdeen Bulldogs Youth Football Cayuga Centers Abol United FC **CC Jackson Recreation Center** Academy for College and Career Exploration Al duPont Middle School Charlesmont Elementary School Andrew Blackburn **Charm City Athletics** Anne Arundel County Public Schools **Charm City Buccaneers** Charm City Youth Lacrosse Arbutus Middle School Archbishop Borders School Armistead Gardens Ele/Mid School #243 Arrow Center for Education Cromwell Bridge Arundel Elementary/Middle School Asheville Youth Hockey Augusta Fells Savage Institute of the Visual Arts Baldwin High School Boy?s Lacrosse Boosters Baltimore Bengals Baltimore City College High School **Baltimore City FCA Baltimore City Gators Baltimore City Health Department Baltimore City Parks & Recreation** Baltimore City Schools: Adapted PE department Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys **Baltimore County Public Schools** Baltimore County Schools Pikesville Middle School **Baltimore Design School** Baltimore Highlands Baseball Baltimore international academy west **Baltimore Lab School** Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School Baltimore Polytechnic Institute #403 **Baltimore Terps** Baltimore Youth Sports Athletic Association (Baltimore Bearcats) Bamiria. Inc. Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation Bard High School Bay-Brook Elementary/Middle School **BCPSS** Beat the Streets - Baltimore

Charmers Lacrosse Chase Elementary Cherry Hill Eagles Foundation Chesapeake High School Christian Youth Athletics City Neighbors High School City Springs Elementary/Middle Clay Hill Public Charter School Clearview Elementary School **CMNTY Sports** Columbia Association Youth and Teen Center Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle School Connexions A Community Based Arts School Coppin Academy Crisfield High School Cristo Rey Jesuit High School Crossroads Center Middle School Deep Creek Magnet Middle Community School Deer Park Middle Magnet School **Delmar Elementary** Determined To Make A Change Dorothy I. Height Elementary Dr. Bernard Harris Sr. Elementary School Drew Freeman Middle School **Dumbarton Middle School Dunbar High School Dundalk Dragons Lacrosse Dundalk Elementary Dundalk High School** Dundalk Jr Owls **Dundalk Middle School Bedford Elementary School** East Salisbury Elementary Benjamin Franklin High School Eastern Technical High School Bennett Institute Physically Challenged Sports **Eastport Skipjacks** Bennett Middle School **Eastside Raiders** Bigfork PTA - Bigfork MN Edgewood Community Support Center, Inc. DBA The Epicenter **BLAX LAX Baltimore** Edgewood Rams Recreational Cheer League Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore Edmondson Westside High School Cardinal Shehan School Elev8 Baltimore Equipment Connections for Children, Inc. Carney Elementary School LPF Baltimore Annual Report 2024 / 6

Cecil Owls

## **PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2024**

**Erik Williams Foundation** 

FAEDOM 809

Fallstaff Elementary Middle School

FCA Frederick

Featherbed Lane Elementary Community School

Federal Hill Prep

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Carroll County

Fitness Fun & Games

Forest Park High School

Foundation One Hug at a Time

Fred B Leidig Recreation Center

Frederick Douglass High School

Friends of Carroll Park

Friends of Patterson Park

Fruitland Intermediate

Fundacion Asistiendo Estudiantes D (FAEDOM)

Fundacion Los Ninos de Maria, Inc

**Furley Elementary School** 

GameOn!Fitness

Gardenville Baseball League

General John Stricker Middle School

Glen Avenue Elementary

Glen Burnie High School

Glendale Elementary School

Global United FC Foundation

God is Able

Golden Ring Middle School

**Greater Grace World Outreach** 

**Green Street Academy** 

**Grow Home** 

Hamilton Elementary Middle School

Hampden Elementary School

Hampstead Hill Academy

Harford County Parks and Recreation

Harlem Lacrosse - ACCE

Harlem Lacrosse - Commodore John Rodgers

Harlem Lacrosse - James McHenry

Harlem Park Elementary Middle School

Hawthorne Elementary School

Hedgesville High School Eagles Lacrosse

Helping Up Mission

Higher Achievement

Highlandtown Elementary Middle School #215

Hills to Climb

Holabird Middle School

Imagine an Athlete

Imagine Leeland Public Charter School PTO

Inner City Excellence (DC-ICE)

Ivy Hill Youth Association

Jackie Robinson Baseball League

James McHenry Elementary

James Mosher Elementary

James Mosher Little League

John Ruhrah Elementary School Johnnycake Elementary School

Judy Center - Harford Heights Elementary

Katherine Johnson Global Academy

Kemp Mill Elementary School

Kentland Columbia Park Boys & Girls Club

Kenwood High School

KEYS Empowers, Inc.

Kids Play International,Inc

KKB Sports

**KWU Sports Company** 

Lakeland Elementary/Middle School

Lakeland Vikings Football Team

Lansdowne High School

Lansdowne Middle School

Leader Breeders Inc.

Lee Lee Kiddz

Leith Walk Elementary Middle School #245

Level Up Inc.

Loch Raven High School

Maces Lane Middle School Lacrosse Club

Mars Estates Elementary School

Mary Ann Winterling Elementary School

Maryland City Elementary School - AACPS

Meade High School

Meadow Hall Elementary School

Medfield Community Association

Medfield Recreation Center

Mergenthaler Vocational Tech HS

Middle River Middle School

Milbrook Elementary

MissionFit

Monarch Global Academy

Montebello Elementary Middle School

Mora Crossman Recreation Center

Mother Seton Academy

Movement Hampden

Msingi Soccer Academy

MSU Women Lacrosse Club

Mt. Royal Elementary Middle School

National Academy Foundation

New York Avenue Recreation Center

No Struggle No Success, Inc.

North Caroline HS

North County High School

North Dorchester High School

North Salisbury Elementary Northeast Dolphins Northeast High School - Baltimore Northeast Youth Baseball League Northwest Academy of Health Sciences

> Northwestern Elementary Northwood Baseball League, Inc.

Northwood Baseball League, Inc. NPC FF

Oakland Mills Middle School Odessa Shannon Middle School Oldtown Gators Community Development Corporation

Open Goal Project

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Oriole Advocates

Overlea Fullerton Youth FootbalL

Owings Mills Elementary

Owings Mills High School

Oxon Hill High School

Paint Branch High School

Panda baseball programs

Parkside High School

Parkville High School

Parkville Middle School

Patterson High School

Patterson Park Elementary

Fitness Fun & Games

Patterson Park Public Charter School

Paul Lawrence Dunbar HS

Paul's Place Outreach Center

PeacePlayers Baltimore

Pemberton Elementary

Pensacola HS Lacrosse Boosters Club

Pequea Valley Youth Baseball

Perry Hall Rec

Perry Meridian Lacrosse

y Michall Lacioss

Pigtown Climbs

Pikesville High School

Pinehurst Elementary

Pittsville Elementary & Middle Plattsburgh Youth Hockey

Pops Culture Inc

Potomac High School

Powhatan Elementary School

**Prince Street Elementary** 

Queen Annes County High School

Ice Hockey Association Randallstown High School

Reach! Partnership High School

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## **PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2024**

Redd4Love

Reginald F Lewis High School

**Reisterstown Sportsplex** 

RISE

**Riverview Elementary** 

**Robert Moton Elementary** 

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Roland Park Elementary Middle School

Rosedale Recreation and Parks (Rosedale Soccer Program)

Rossville Elementary School

Saint Frances Academy

Salisbury Middle

Sandtown-Winchester Achievement Academy

Scotts Branch Elementary School

**Secret Society Panthers** 

SEED School of Maryland

Seneca Valley High School

Serendipity Healthcare

Sharp-Leadenhall Elementary/School #314

Showdown for Sandtown

Simon Says Shoot Hoops not Guns after School Program

Soccer without Borders - Baltimore

Solo Gibbs Recreation Center

Southwest Academy

Southwest Baltimore Charter School

Southwest Seminoles

Special Olympics Maryland - Baltimore City Public Schools

Spectrum Support

Springbrook HS

St Francis Neighborhood Center

St. Anthony Catholic School

St. Frances Academy

St. Ignatius Lovola Academy

Stampéd Athletics

Stevens Forest Elementary

Sudbrook Magnet Middle School

Swing 2 Soar

**Talbott Springs Elementary** 

**Tenacity Trojans** 

The Belair Edison School

The Crossroads Middle School

The Empowerment Academy (Baltimore City School #262)

The First Tee of Greater Baltimore

The Lovola School

The Rich Foundation

The Tender Bridge Inc - Hockey in the Hood

The Thump Yard, INC

Thomas Jefferson Elementary Middle School

Thomas Johnson Elementary School

Thomas S. Stone Elementary School

**Towson High School** 

Treign Academy Inc

Tuscarora elementary school

Vanguard Collegiate Middle School

Victory Villa Elementary School

Violetville Elementary Middle School

Visions Select Baseball

Volo City Kids Foundation

Walter P. Carter Elem/Middle/The Y at Walter P. Carter

Washington Academy and High School

West Salisbury Elementary

Western High School

Western Tech Baseball

Westport Academy

White Oak Community Elementary School

Wicomico County Public Schools

Wicomico High

Wicomico Middle

William Paca Elementary

Wolfe St Academy

Woodbourne School

Woodlawn Baseball

Woodlawn High School

Woodlawn Middle School

Y on The Fly

York High Soccer

York Polar Bears Inc.

Youth in Transition School







## **SUPPORTERS**



#### Volunteers



LPF relies heavily on volunteers in order to keep our warehouses organized and easy to navigate. Our help comes from local families, middle-schoolers, high-schoolers, college groups, and corporate groups alike. LPF Baltimore was excited to work with groups such as M&T Bank, Under Armour, Clark Construction, Annapolis Blues FC, CareFirst, McCormick MMB – all of whom volunteered their time at our warehouse in 2024.

We could not carry out our mission without the steady flow of helping hands inventorying and sorting gear in our warehouses week after week. Thank you for sustaining our work!

596
hours volunteered

383

volunteers

44

collection drives

2

bin ambassadors



#### Collection Drives

Kids, families, teams, and companies in our community run collection drives throughout the year, helping LPF collect thousands of dollars worth of sports equipment. These collection efforts truly fuel our work and keep our warehouse stocked so that we can keep up with the high demand of gear from local schools and youth programs.

We want to thank everyone who collected gear for us in 2024 and hope to see you again soon!

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#### 2024 Major Funders

**Baltimore Community Foundation Baltimore Ravens Foundation** CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield

Frank E. and Miriam Loveman Foundation

Goldseker Foundation

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Lockhart Vaughan Foundation

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning

Commission

McCormick & Company, Inc.

Richman Family Foundation

Robert W. Deutsch Foundation

Scripps Howard Foundation

South Baltimore Gateway Partnership

Sports Lawyers Association

The Abell Foundation

The Marion I. & Henry J. Knott Foundation

Thomas Wilson Foundation

**TowerCares Foundation** 

#### 2024 Major In-Kind Donors

1800 Got Junk

Annapolis High School

Annapolis Recreation & Parks

Athletes Unlimited

**Baltimore County Public Schools** 

**Baltimore County Recreation & Parks** 

**Baltimore Ravens** 

**Baltimore Redbirds** 

**Baltimore Urban Baseball Association** 

Beth Tfiloh Dahan Middle School

Boys' Latin

Cal Ripken Foundation

Coppermine Racquet & Fitness

**Dumbarton Middle School** 

Friends School of Baltimore

Girls in the Game

Harford County Parks and Recreation

Harlem Lacrosse - ACCE

Howard County Environmental Services Towson University Athletics

Ice World

Living Classrooms Patterson Park

McDonogh School

Movement Columbia

Movement Hampden

**Movement Timonium** 

**National Academy Foundation** 

Newtown's Kleats 4 Kids

**Operation Warm** 

Oriole Advocates

Overlea Fullerton Youth Football

Park School of Baltimore

Piney Orchard Ice Arena - Hockey Net

Play It Again Sports

**Pros Fore Clothes** 

Reisterstown Sportsplex

Roland Park Baseball Club

Sacred Heart Glyndon Soccer Club

Severna Park High School

SidelineSwap

Soccer Post-Lancaster

STX

Troop 1417 - Towson

**US** Lacrosse

WAX

WMAR-2 News





#### LPF Baltimore FY24 Revenue & Expenses

#### **REVENUE**

Corporate Contributions	\$6,111
Foundation Contributions	\$288,429
Individual Contributions	\$29,315
Earned Income	\$430
Total Revenue	\$324,285

#### **EXPENSES**

Personnel	\$141,284
Facilities & Equipment	\$74,735
Program Supplies	\$10,425
Travel and Meetings	\$8,103
Miscellaneous	\$4,250
Total Expenditures	\$238,797

Net Revenue	\$85,488
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## **Advisory Board**

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