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Kickers & Our Community

MKSC Community Outreach Initiatives (September – November 2017)

MILWAUKEE, WI (December 1, 2017) – The [“Kickers & Our Community”](#) initiative continues to support Milwaukee’s individuals, families and organizations through volunteerism, donations and sharing of resources provided by the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club (MKSC), its home Uihlein Soccer Park (USP) and its community outreach program America SCORES Milwaukee (ASM).



Northwest Catholic School – On September 1st, MKSC’s Mark Burmesch and Paul Dettmann, Grounds Managers, prepped the land, lined a field and installed two of Uihlein Soccer Park’s soccer goals to build a soccer field on the school’s campus for students to play on for the fall semester. The school’s athletic program welcomes all students to learn about sports and be active in the school’s no-cut policy athletic program. Due to positive feedback from the school, as well as the residents in the neighborhood who use the field when not in use by the students, the goals will remain on the school grounds and the field will again be prepped prior to the spring outdoor soccer season.



GloBall Giving – On September 27th, MKSC Staff Coach and [GloBall Giving](#) Board Member Michael King delivered boxes of gently used cleats, athletic clothing and sporting equipment to the nonprofit organization. The ongoing donations, collected in the year-round donation barrel at USP, support the organization’s mission to provide healthy lifestyle options to underprivileged children locally and internationally.



Young Life Wauwatosa – On October 1st, MKSC was a hole sponsor for the first annual [Young Life Wauwatosa](#) Foot Golf Fundraiser at Doyme Park. The event hosted nearly 125 participants and raised over \$1,200 for Young Life, an inter-denominational Christian outreach organization for teens. The money raised helped cover weekly program event costs for hundreds of our community’s middle and high school students.



Greater Milwaukee Foundation – On October 17th, ASM and MKSC staff members led and participated in the [Greater Milwaukee Foundation’s “On The Table”](#) initiative focused on the topic “Sports For Social Impact.” ASM and the [Milwaukee Bucks](#) teamed up to host and facilitate the conversation where over 50 participants volunteered their time and shared their expertise to discuss how to harness the power of sports to reduce youth violence, promote health, and inspire academic success for children living in some of Milwaukee’s most marginalized neighborhoods. Discussions are ongoing and participants will continue to foster dialogue and collaboration for the benefit of Milwaukee’s future.



Betty Brinn Children’s Museum – On October 28th, MKSC’s Tammy Gilpin-Ripp, Director of Marketing and Sponsorship and [Betty Brinn Children’s Museum](#) Marketing Committee Member, joined the museum’s staff to support the “Not-So-Scary Halloween” celebration by assisting children with fun educational activities and handing out candy to event trick or treaters.



Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) – On October 31st, MKSC's Angie Opsahl, Office Manager, organized approximately 30 [MATC](#) faculty and staff as they celebrated Halloween by volunteering at Uihlein Soccer Park. The MATC team cleaned heavily trafficked areas, scrubbed indoor field panels, and painted walls and common areas inside the soccer park's main building.



Milwaukee German Immersion School (MPS) – During the week of November 6th – 10th, MKSC's Events and Indoor League Administrator Dawn Urban and USP's Manager on Duty Michelle Urban helped collect food drive donations from each of the [Milwaukee German Immersion School](#) classrooms each morning. The donations were then sorted, counted and packed in boxes in preparation for delivery to the [Hunger Task Force](#).



Concordia University – On November 7th, MKSC's Director of Marketing and Sponsorship Tammy Gilpin-Ripp served as a mentor at [Concordia University's](#) Sport & Hospitality Roundtable providing sports-related career advice and recommendations to undergraduate students interested in employment, intern and volunteer opportunities.



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VISIT Milwaukee – On November 10th, members of the Milwaukee Kickers and Uihlein Soccer Park staff served as [VISIT Milwaukee](#) volunteer greeters at the Wisconsin Center during the National Science Teachers Association Convention. Approximately 2,500 teachers from across the Midwest attended the convention to participate in conferences that offered the latest in science content, teaching strategy and research to expand professional growth.



Uihlein Soccer Park – From September through November, hundreds of adults and children took advantage of the park's year-round, indoor, open to the public weekday turf field [Open Play](#) hours.

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Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club, a nonprofit organization and unifying force in the community that calls Uihlein Soccer Park home, strives to enrich the lives of adults and youth in the Greater Milwaukee Area by providing soccer to everyone no matter their size, shape, gender, race, or socioeconomic status. The club serves 6,600+ youth members through recreational and select teams in 14 regions across southeastern Wisconsin each year, and is committed to ensuring everyone can continue to play soccer while instilling a lifelong passion for the game.

ABOUT AMERICA SCORES MILWAUKEE

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An affiliate of the national America SCORES network (which operates in 12 cities across the country), America SCORES Milwaukee is the community outreach program of the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club. SCORES is dedicated to offering the children of Milwaukee's central city with after school soccer programming. Incorporated with creative writing and community service components, SCORES is providing high quality youth-development for our community's neediest children.

ABOUT UIHLEIN SOCCER PARK

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Wisconsin's premier indoor/outdoor soccer complex was built in 1994 as a joint venture between the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club. The park's many features include 13 outdoor soccer fields, two lighted stadium turf fields, three indoor fields surfaced in AstroPlay turf, full food and beverage facilities, locker rooms and more. Uihlein Soccer Park, located at 7101 W. Good Hope Road, is part of the award-winning Milwaukee County Parks System which hosts year-round Open Play hours for the community when field space is available.