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Kickers & Our Community

MKSC Community Outreach Initiatives (March 2018 – May 2018)

MILWAUKEE, WI (May 31, 2018) – The Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club, a nonprofit organization celebrating 50 years in 2018, continues to give back through donation of staff and resources thereby honoring the club founders' intent to support our community past, present and future.



Marquette University High School – On March 9th, Uihlein Soccer Park donated indoor field time to support [Marquette University High School's](#) annual student retreat in which the school's upperclassmen had an opportunity to mentor and bond with underclassmen. The school is a Catholic, Jesuit, urban, college-preparatory school for young men that deepens students' awareness of the dignity and needs of all people.



TOPSoccer – On March 10th, [TOPSoccer](#) kicked off programming at Uihlein Soccer Park. The park, in collaboration with [GiGi's Playhouse](#) and a number of partner organizations, is donating field time to host free US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer community-based training for athletes with disabilities ages 4-21 on an ongoing, long-term basis. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl who has a mental or physical disability.



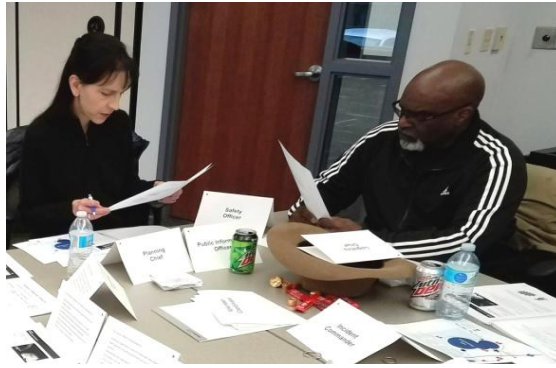
Westown Association – On March 10th, Matt Voell, MKSC Food and Beverage Manager, served as the master of ceremonies/parade announcer for Milwaukee's 52nd annual Shamrock Club of Wisconsin's [St. Patrick's Day Parade](#). Also participating at the event was Alvaro Garcia-Velez, MKSC's Executive Director, who walked in the parade to support and represent [The Ulster Project of Greater Milwaukee](#) which provides teens that demonstrate leadership potential with the tools to promote tolerance, respect and unity amidst diversity.



Kettle Moraine High School – On March 26th, Michael King, MKSC Staff Coach & Club Clinician, was a guest presenter at [Kettle Moraine's School for Global Leadership & Innovation](#). A former professional soccer player and Wisconsin Soccer Hall of Fame member, he shared stories and discussed the importance of believing in yourself, hard work, leadership and adaptability.



VISIT Milwaukee – On April 13th, Dawn Urban, MKSC Events & Indoor League Administrator, was a [VISIT Milwaukee](#) volunteer greeter and visitor guide at the Wisconsin Center during the Midwest Gaming Classic convention. The convention featured a 100,000+ square foot trade show featuring retro and modern home video games, consoles, pinball machines, arcade video games and more.



Salvation Army – On April 14th, Tammy Gilpin-Ripp, MKSC Director of Marketing and Sponsorship and Salvation Army Advisory Board Member, participated in The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services "Incident Command System" training course. Having completed the course she is eligible to be deployed as a certified volunteer at local, national and international man-made and natural disaster sites. On May 2nd, she was featured as a "Behind the Shield" [profile](#) for her ongoing commitment and support of the organization.



America SCORES Milwaukee – On April 21st, 20 adult teams played in the 13th annual [America SCORES Milwaukee](#) SCORES CUP. The event, a friendly indoor soccer fundraising tournament featuring teams of work colleagues, families, individuals, and SCORES alumni and board members, raised \$50,000 to support the SCORES program which provides much-needed youth development programming for underserved children during high-risk Milwaukee Public School after school hours. One hundred percent of the event's proceeds support the organization's youth-based soccer, academic, service-learning and social-emotional learning initiatives.



Windlake Elementary School – On May 4th, MKSC Staff Coach Pete Knezic participated in the school's "Children's Day" (El Dia Del Nino) that honored children as an important part of Mexican society. The [Windlake Elementary School](#) students, 99 percent of which are Hispanic, enjoy learning about, playing and watching soccer. Knezic was invited to participate by Principal Jim Kotsonis, a former player of his and lifelong soccer advocate.



Milwaukee German Immersion School – On May 10th, the [Milwaukee German Immersion](#) PTA, including USP Manager on Duty Michelle Urban, hosted its second annual MGIS Fun Run fundraiser. The event raised money to support the school's PTA and involved the students in an active, healthy way while they learned how to make a difference in the world through a 5-step character-themed curriculum. Over 600 students, including Urban's twin daughters, completed 30-35 laps around the Fun Run track to raise money for school events, after school clubs, field trips, a filtered water station and many other educational activities.



Granville Business Improvement District – On May 15th, MKSC Executive Director Alvaro Garcia-Velez and MKSC Business Development Consultant Tracy Rothman hosted Granville Business Improvement District Executive Director Mary Hoehne, organization members, 9th District Alderwoman Chantia Lewis and District 4 Police Captain Heather Wurth along with a few of her fellow officers for an interactive discussion about the district's business growth and police presence. Questions, suggestions and future plans were shared, and new relationships were formed to support the district's evolution and increased police engagement.



Carmen Schools of Science & Technology (Northwest Campus) – On May 16th, to provide guidance to students as well as their first professional interview experience, MKSC Director of Marketing and Sponsorship Tammy Gilpin-Ripp served as a mock interviewer. [Carmen School of Science & Technology](#) is a college preparatory high school with a mission to graduate critical thinkers and self-directed learners prepared for success in college, meaningful careers, community involvement and family life.



Uihlein Soccer Park – From March through May, hundreds of adults and children (especially during Spring Break vacation) 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 8,500+ youth members through recreational and select teams in 15 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.

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