

Yes We Can...

Bring the world's game to Seattle's youth!

America SCORES Seattle is pleased to announce its community partnership with The Seattle Sounders FC.

America SCORES Seattle is one of four charitable organizations partnering with the Sounders FC. Together we are committed to the healthy development of youth in Seattle.

Thanks to your generous donations at our first ever America SCORES Seattle and Sounders FC Community Event at the George and Dragon Pub, over \$3000 dollars were raised by raffling off signed sports memorabilia and match tickets donated by the Sounders FC.

Your donations have already begun to directly support our spring program taking place at six Seattle area elementary schools.

As a supporter of America SCORES Seattle you've helped us supply Adidas soccer equipment, fields and a safe place to play after school.

America SCORES Seattle and Sounders FC will continue to hold community events all across Seattle at soccer fan staples like the George and Dragon Pub.

We would like to cordially invite all of our supporters to our monthly Happy Hour events.

These events will feature question and answer sessions with Sounders FC players, coaches and front office representatives. Past appearances include Coach Sigi Schmid, keeper Kasey Keller and GM Adrian Hanauer.

There's no better way to get the inside track on the MLS and no better way to support Seattle's most underserved youth.



Photo courtesy of Michele & Jack Storms

Your donations go directly to our poet-athletes soccer equipment, coaching, game days, and events.



Sounders FC Happy Hours

Monthly, from 5-8 p.m., Seattle pubs

We'll be raffling off signed Sounders memorabilia and giving you a chance to meet Sounders FC players and staff! For more information, visit www.americascorresseattle.com/#/Seattle/news/1130

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YES WE CAN...

Make the words of Obama our own!

Inspired by the words of President Obama and the music of Will.i.am, our students are taking on a unique project this spring.

They decided to rewrite a speech from the 2008 presidential campaign and make it their own.

Reimagined as a letter, our poet-athletes use this exercise to address community problems with the power of their words. So far our kids have focused on stopping gang violence and reducing litter.

With the instruction of our wonderful coaches and the creativity and hard work of our students, who knows

what problems they will tackle next...

Come out to a soccer game day and watch the boys and girls recite their letters "Slam Style." We can't wait to hear what President Obama will say when he receives a dozen letters from our students on his desk.

WITH YOUR HELP: SCORES participants receive first-class after-school instruction and all the materials (snacks, notebooks, pencils, etc.) to succeed in the classroom.



Maple boys slam their 'Yes We Can' letter addressing gang violence in their community. The lesson used Barack Obama's speech as a guide. The letters will be sent to President Obama and other elected officials.

YES WE CAN

1.
It was a creed written into the founding documents that declared the destiny of a nation.
Yes We Can!

And we the helpful (adjective) students of Maple elementary
Will tell you that our words can prevent gangs from forming (our goal with this project)
By posting more security guards on the street (how we will do this)
Yes We Can!

An excerpt of the 'Yes We Can' letter lesson.

Seattle's National Poetry Slam participants



When I come to school there are fights like you've never seen before and tear drops that fall like crystal clear waterfalls, but why?

- Shani Calamiong, 5th Grade
Mount View Elementary



They went to their honeymoon
They got a good view of the moon
They had their first child
Man it was wild

-Uziel Martinez, 5th Grade
Mount View Elementary

YES WE CAN...

Show New York how Seattle slams!

America Scores Seattle will send our two nominated poet-athletes, Shani and Uziel, to New York City on April 20th to perform their original works. Onstage at the New York Stock Exchange, they are sure to bring down the house at the America Scores National Poetry Slam.

Our 12 affiliate sites, from Los Angeles to D.C., will also be sending their best poets, so it should truly be a night to remember.

In the meantime, poetry coach Irene DeLeon is helping to prepare Uziel and

Shani, both fifth-graders, and will chaperone the upcoming trip to the Big Apple.

WITH YOUR HELP: Our poet-athletes will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to receive personalized instruction en route to a free trip to the National Poetry Slam.

These are the moments that change lives and open minds. We are looking for funding to ensure this opportunity remains available for future SCORES students.

SCORES Events

April 16

College Kicks event at
Seattle University
4-6 p.m.

April 20

America SCORES
National Poetry Slam

April 24

America SCORES
Seattle Live Auction
and Grand Gala
(call the office for tickets)

Game Days

(all games start at 3:15 pm)

April 8: Dunlap

April 15: Dunlap

April 23: Roxhill

May 6: Emerson

May 7: Roxhill

May 21: Roxhill

May 13: Emerson

May 20: Bow Lake

May 27: Bow Lake



A varsity student-athlete conducts a drill at last year's College Kicks.

YES WE CAN...

Send SCORES students to college!

College Kicks introduces our students to the opportunities for higher education in their community! College Kicks is our annual event where SCORES coaches, students and families visit a local college campus and participate in a series of soccer drills led by collegiate student-athletes. Our Poet-Athletes also participate in a Q&A session about attending college with a panel of students.

College Kicks will be held this year at Seattle University on April 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. Interested in volunteering to be a team assistant? Call Megan at (206) 988-1000.

WITH YOUR HELP: Your generous donations go towards transportation to and from the event for students, soccer equipment and healthy snacks.

YES WE CAN...

Raise the funds to keep SCORES in Seattle schools!

Now, *more than ever*, we need your support. In response to the challenging economic climate America SCORES Seattle has been forced to cut both the number of children and schools we are serving, as well as staff positions. We are operating more efficiently than ever and putting donations directly to work building achievement and health in our community. But the children cannot wait.

"Now, with foundations watching their endowments shrivel, many individual donors maxed out and states across the country staring at massive budget deficits, nonprofits are scaling back their services at the very moment when the need for them is escalating."

-Eyal Press

Contributing Writer, *The Nation*

"Because of the SCORES program, Maple Elementary is able to provide students with free after-school programming as well as a "sports" team focusing on soccer, health and teamwork which would not otherwise be provided in our school. There are currently very limited options for other after-school programs or sports for our elementary students."

-Patricia Hunter

Principal, Maple Elementary

**Help us continue providing
a quality after school
Program. Log on to our
website and donate to
America SCORES
Seattle today.**

For more information on events, please go to our website at:
www.AmericaSCORESSeattle.org or call the SCORES office at (206) 988-1000.



**AMERICA
SCORES**
Seattle

New name, same game

Seattle SCORES is now America SCORES Seattle! We've got a new logo and name, but we're still offering the same great program to our poet-athletes around Seattle.

Check out our new website: www.americascorresseattle.org

And don't miss us on **Facebook**, **Myspace** and **our blog**: americascorresseattle.blogspot.com

America SCORES Seattle serves 192 poet-athletes in 6 public schools in the Seattle area.



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