



# DC SCORES

## Thank You, Coach! Program

### Thank Your Coach – Help More Kids

The DC SCORES *Thank You, Coach!* program is a way to say “thank you” to a soccer coach while helping DC SCORES give over 800 young people the opportunity to play soccer in some of Washington DC’s most under-resourced neighborhoods.

Soccer coaches play an important role in a community ensuring that young people experience all the benefits of team sports, which instill important life skills in youth. At the close of the season, parents often thank their children’s coaches with a gift. Our *Thank You, Coach!* program turns these kind gestures into philanthropic donations.

#### How it works:

*Thank You, Coach!* is easy. Identify a lead parent to collect the funds and then complete a donation form on our website or send the donation in a check payable to DC SCORES at 1224 M Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005. Donations can be made in any amount and any amount is appreciated. DC SCORES will then send a certificate and acknowledgement letter to your coach on behalf of your team. An acknowledgement of the tax-deductible gift will be sent to the appropriate donor(s).

#### What is DC SCORES?

DC SCORES is a free after-school program for 800 students at 26 DC public and public charter elementary and middle schools in Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8. Our core values of teamwork, leadership, and commitment are carried out daily in a program model where students participate in soccer, poetry, service-learning, and homework help. DC SCORES seeks to increase student school engagement, levels of physical fitness, and students’ sense of self-worth and belonging. We operate the only public elementary and middle school-based soccer leagues in DC.



#### Where does the money go?

Donations from *Thank You, Coach!* go towards:

- Goals and field-lining equipment for schools
- Balls, shinguards, and uniforms for students
- Buses for league play and soccer-related field trips
- Referees
- Coach stipends (we hire and train teachers as soccer coaches at each school)

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