



Unity CDC Energy Comes From Unity

UNITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Our Mission: is to bring together a changing community with an economically diverse population by spurring development of affordable residential housing, creating vibrant and healthy commercial corridors, increase of jobs, better education, increase transportation, enhance education and recreation while improving the delivery of existing services to underserved populations.

Timeline (Draft)

Note: The dates below are based on the levels of registration and are subject to change at any time

RegistrationMay 21 to 31, 2012

For additional registration information visit our website at <http://www.unitycdc.org/recreationmainmenu.html>

Donations:

Any donations would be appreciated. Make check/money order payable to: Unity CDC Soccer

Mail Donations to: PO BOX 1111, Joliet, IL 60434

Or

Donate Online Now! Visit us now at: www.unitycdc.org/paypaldonatedirectory.html

Or

Donate Equipment Now! Call us at 815-722-9200

We are in need of Goals, Nets & Soccer balls

Our Philosophy

The Unity Community Development Youth Program philosophy is: "It's not about mastering the sport; it's about mastering the core values and life skills. -- UCDC

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YOUTH SOCCER



**Teamwork * Sportsmanship * Perseverance
Integrity * Trust * Respect**

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HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION

Unity Community Development Corporation is a not for profit corporation with a mission to improve the Quality of Life of the historically underserved residents of the 4th and 5th Council Districts of Joliet by holistically addressing their needs in the areas of humans services and employment; education and recreation; housing and commercial development, neighborhood organizing, small business development and transportation.

SUMMARY

The Unity Community Development Corporation Program targets all youths of the neighborhoods within the targeted Joliet Districts 4 & 5, and surrounding Joliet/ Will County area for youth between the ages of five and thirteen. The program is designed to focus on youth development and, the parent and the community. Our primary goal is to teach and reinforce core values and life skills using the fundamentals of soccer.

PROBLEM \ SITUATION:

Children of underserved communities are plagued daily with affects of drug use and peddling, criminal activity sexual promiscuity and gang problems. The affects of these problems are now evidenced by school failures and drop out rates being at an all time high. The drop-out rate is the highest among the surrounding districts. Local community organizations have attempted to address the problem by creating after school tutoring and recreational programs. However, there is a greater need to increase recreation and education programs.

Ongoing recreation has been proven to reduce crime help kids stay in school, and avoid the consequences of criminal behavior. Implementing core values and life skills can bring out the 'best' in a child and can literally change their life forever. Therefore, these youth must be provided with positive experiences to help them stay in school and become successful in life. Core values and life skills reinforced through soccer can provide those experiences.

METHODOLOGY:

This program will reach residents, community organizations, and church's to recruit volunteer soccer (and other sports) participants who will play, manage, teach, coach and umpire the game of soccer while teaching and reinforcing core values and life skills. Youth will learn how to compete with character on and off the field.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES: Our program objectives are the most important part of the program. We have experience life skills and core values trainers who will teach and instruct the referees' then, the referees's will teach the program participants.

Life Skill and core value instructors/referees will focus on the following areas:

- Aligning fundamentals with core values and life skills
- Introduce core values and life skills that confront the challenges to adulthood
- Ignite hidden talents within the youth of underserved neighborhoods.
- Align youth with positive peers.
- Place vulnerable young people in a positive environment.
- Introduce sound principles that can help youth progress to the next level in their social development.
- Equip youth with a social skills which can provide a path for future leaders.

REQUIREMENTS/EXPECTATIONS:

- Registration and parental/guardian consent forms must be complete.
- Unity CDC will seek background check for all referees
- Parents or guardians are expected to attend meetings and participate in fundraising efforts..
- Parents are expected to assist program leads and referees with executing the core values and life skills.
- All transportation will be responsibility of parent, guardian, or organizations.

Costs:

\$35.00 per child for registration

Note: UCDC Youth Sports League Program is open to all interested youths regardless of their financial status as no kid who wants to participate in the program is turned down and is allowed to participate.

DIVISIONS: Boy & Girls

All divisions are based on availability

- 5 to 7
- 8 to 9
- 10 to 11
- 12-14

EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES:

Parents are to provide all Shoes and Protective equipment

Uniforms: Jersey, Shorts & Socks will be purchased by Unity CDC through registrations

Aligning soccer fundamentals with core values and life skills:

CORE VALUES & LIFE SKILLS (Disciplines)

- Sportsmanship
- Communication
- Perseverance
- Integrity
- Trust
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Fitness

Soccer Fundamentals:

- Goal keeper
- Mid-Fielder
- Offense
- Defense
- Referees

Program Outcomes:

- Teamwork
- Diversity
- Community involvement
- Decrease school truancy
- Improved quality of life
- Improved social skills
- Inclusion
- Empowerment
- Pride
- Youth enrichment
- Fitness