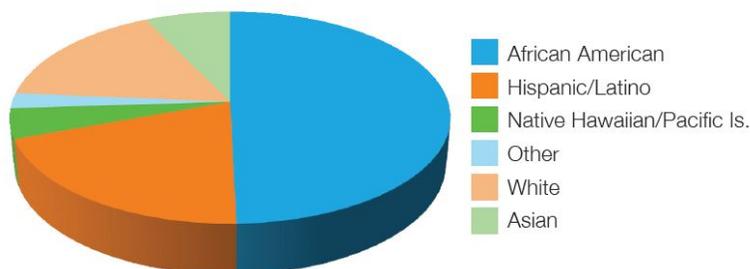




### Positive changes happen when kids participate in team sports

With social and health equity at our core, Off the Sideline has paid more in scholarships so far this year than we did in all of 2017... with more to come with Fall and Winter sports. Here's who we've supported since our first scholarship in 2016:

#### // Race



#### // Gender

**49%** Female  
**51%** Male

#### // Average Scholarship

**\$149**

You can count on Off The Sideline to ask the critical question: **"Is it good for kids and our community?"** By keeping a child in sports, you are giving them much more than a shot at a trophy. Your gifts of time, money and action continue to help us get kids in the game.



### Facebook friends share their stories

Last month, our friends at adidas donated passes to their employee store. We thought it would be fun to give them away to people who shared their favorite sports stories on Facebook.



From boosting confidence to gaining acceptance, we heard how participating in team sports influenced lives. They were all great to hear. But one of our

*Coaching is my tool to help youth reach their goals. Every kid I coach won't play professional basketball, but the tools I give them will help them become professionals.*

Tyler Brown

Off the Sideline Advisory Council member and youth sports coach



## Volunteer with us at Sunday Parkways

Want to help get the word out about Off the Sideline? Join us by volunteering at Portland Sunday Parkways this summer. As a volunteer, you'll help us give away snacks, cheer on people biking the course, and provide information about Off the Sideline. Plus you'll get a free Off the Sideline T-Shirt just for helping out! Available dates are:

July 22, Downtown and Inner Southeast Portland

Aug. 19, Outer Northeast Portland

Sept. 23, Northeast Portland

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favorites came from Maria Escalera, who told us:

*"My daughter is a little quiet and very sweet, but the first time I saw her play basketball, I saw a whole different side. She was shouting out plays and posting up to girls taller than her! She was very confident, and I had never seen her be so aggressive in anything before."*

Thanks again to adidas and our social media followers. Read more stories and follow us on Facebook.

### Save the date: Oct. 25

Our annual celebration and fundraiser will be held on **October 25** in Portland, and this year's theme, "**Level the Playing Field**," speaks to the heart of Off the Sideline's mission. We believe all kids deserve the social and health benefits of team sports participation, and with your help we can provide access to year-round sports programs that already exist in our communities. Watch this newsletter for more information about the event.