



Check out our new brochure

Over the past few months we've been working on updating our outreach materials thanks to a grant by the Pollination Project. Our new brochure is loaded with information, and look for an updated website soon.

[Download a copy of the brochure.](#)



Welcome Tracey Than

We're happy to announce that Tracey Than has joined Off the Sideline as our newest board member. Tracey works at Barran Liebman LLP in marketing and has a BS in Economics and Community Health. She's fluent in Vietnamese and enjoys exploring the local food scene. [Learn more about Tracy and all our board members.](#)

Our first evaluation results are in

This summer, we surveyed parents of our first round of scholarship recipients. We



OFF THE SIDELINE
GETTING KIDS ON THE GAME



Off the Sideline creates stronger communities by providing scholarships for low-income youth to participate in team sports. We develop partnerships that allow us to reach kids when they are most at risk.

<p>// Inclusion By fully funding registration fees up to \$300, we give kids access to the same programs their peers choose.</p>	<p>// More Options We allow families to enroll their children in the team/sport/location that works for them.</p>	<p>// Active Outreach We identify and work with the right community partners to give funding where it is needed most.</p>
<p>23% of Oregon children live at or below the poverty line.</p>	<p><30% of low-income children participate in team sports compared to 38% participation from their higher-income peers.</p>	<p>1 in 5 low-income families report a decrease in their child's sports participation due to cost.</p>

Team sports participation provides:

- Greater confidence and self-esteem
- Reduced risk of obesity
- Higher grades
- Less participation in risky behavior
- More positive relationships

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were pleased to receive an **81% response rate**.

- 70% of parents indicated that prior to that season, their child had not played a sport for the previous 3 years
- The overwhelming barriers to participation were enrollment and uniform costs, followed closely by transportation barriers to games and practices. Lack of awareness was cited as another barrier to participation.

Thank you, sponsors



Off the Sideline was selected by Family Care Health to receive a generous grant, which will enable us to double the amount of scholarships we've paid to date!.

“FamilyCare Health is pleased to support Off the Sideline’s important work of empowering youth in underserved communities to get involved with sports programs,” said Jeff Heatherington, President and CEO at FamilyCare Health. “By encouraging healthy physical activity and a love of sport, Off the Sideline is setting kids up for a lifetime of good health and wellbeing”. Thank you Family Care Health, your contribution helps us further our mission of achieving health equity for kids in our community.

Application form available in Spanish

Thanks to the work of our volunteers, our scholarship application is now available in Spanish! It's all part of our mission to make sports accessible to everyone. Our English-language form is available, too.

Consider us for end-of-year giving

We're proud of the work we've accomplished in 2016 and our plans for 2017 are even bigger! Please consider including Off the Sideline in your end-of-year giving plans.

Because we're a 501(c)(3), your donations are tax deductible! [Contribute today!](#)

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