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Hope in Play



"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination."

-Nelson Mandela





Global FC exists to bridge diverse cultures to come together, forming just communities where all are free to be fully-known and fully-loved in pursuit of their Godgiven purpose and potential.



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• We use soccer as a vehicle for transformative impact, supporting under-served youth and families with the tools to overcome obstacles to success; nurturing their talents and passions by providing resources, opportunities, and relationships towards a brighter future.

Primary focus: Youth development, Family Engagement and Community Building

Primary activities: Sports programming, academic assistance, mentorship, civic engagement, cultural exchange and family support initiatives



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### "We use soccer as a vehicle for transformative impact"

- We view sport as a tool for positive social change
- Soccer connects communities that share different beliefs, languages, nationalities, and religions in inexpensive and effective ways
- The UN recognizes sport as a tool to improve physical and psychological conditions, recognizing sport and physical activity as a fundamental human right in 1978 and every child's right to play as a human right in 1989.
- •In 1991, the commonwealth heads of government acknowledged the unique role of sport in eliminating poverty and promoting development.
- We believe sport can play an important role in individual and community improvement.



# **Long-term goals**

- For youth and families to become agents of change instead of targets to be changed.
- Transforming perceived stories of shame into stories of empowerment.



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# The standards of operation are built around three pillars:

- **Sports:** The highest level of training will be provided by qualified coaches and trainers who are particularly sensitive to the needs of youth.
- Faith: Organization's core values and strategies will be operated on ethical principles which come from an underlying Christian Faith. All involved in the programs will operate under a code of conduct which aspires to the highest level of morals, integrity and compassion for the diverse ways we all live in the world.
- Future: Each youth in the program will be given maximum opportunity to develop their life-plan which will include; opportunity in sports, monitoring of education, goal-setting, and post-academy support.



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Compassion Collaboration Community

- We promote an environment of reciprocal cultural exchange, cultural humility and mutual respect.
- We positively engage in the Global FC culture of collaborative community.
- We model a positive, can-do attitude, especially while navigating unforeseen challenges.
- We embody and demonstrate enthusiasm for the Global FC vision and purpose.





# **Global FC Focus**

- Refugee and immigrant populations began as our area of focus. Our programming is now also accessible to any at-risk and underserved youth.
- The overwhelming majority of youth and families we work with come from across the globe and the populations we work with speak numerous languages.
- We engage with over twenty three nations, including but not limited to: Somalia, Syria, Iraq, Congo, Rwanda, Thailand, Burma, Honduras, Mexico, Liberia, Sudan, Egypt.





# **Key Youth Concerns**

Access to quality sports programmingSense of belonging



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### **Uniques** "We are not merely an organization. We are a community"

- We provide access to quality soccer programming.
- We engage and support the family unit.
- We advocate as a voice for the youth in the community, home and school.
- We build a community around our sports, education and mentoring programming.
- We provide fundamental academic support.
- We create mentoring opportunities.
- We develop community leaders.
- We bridge communities.





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# It takes a village to raise a child

#### **GLOBAL FC SOCCER PROGRAM**



Global FC has developed well respected youth soccer program in the historic Northeast, providing underserved youth with quality soccer opportunities and access to best facilities, leagues and tournaments in the city.

Soccer serves as tool to develop youth in a way that is meaningful and relevant. For most of our youth, soccer is not merely a sport, but a universal language. Global FC leverages the power of vehicle in our path to equip youth towards a brighter future. Global FC soccer programming is also a conduit for family engagement. Through the participation of refugee youth, Global FC and its volunteers gain access to families and homes in our attempt to pursue the household.



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#### **GLOBAL FC GIRL'S ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Access to extracurricular activities for refugee and immigrant girls are often restricted due to cultural and religious barriers. Parent's expectations for girls being at home and the fear of outside influences has traditionally isolated ambitious and talented young girls from opportunities to develop in sports, social integration, confidence, self-worth and academics. Global FC's ability to create a foundation of trust and credibility with the many pockets of ethnicities in the Historic Northeast, has allowed girl's to participate in our programming.



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#### **ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT INITIATIVE**

EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WE CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD - NELSON MANDELA

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Our academic initiative is built on these pillars:

- Deep and broad partnerships with the Kansas City Public school board, charter schools and school leaders
- Implementation of a wide range of vital academic, health, and social services that will support student resilience and school success, strengthen families, and engage the surrounding community
- Continuous monitoring, evaluation, and commitment to making necessary adjustments to achieve our goals

#### Program Goals, Objectives, & Impact:

The goal of the Global FC Academic Enrichment Initiative (AEI) is to provide an informal academic program that supports Global FC youth in achieving grade level performance in school. AEI will provide high-level academic assistance through small group or one-on-one tutoring at KC public and Charter schools or through home tutoring. For most of the youth we serve, English is their second language. As a combined result of limited language proficiency, lack of prior formal schooling, and low literacy levels within the adult population, these youth are unprepared for the structure and content rigor of the traditional American school system.

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#### **GLOBAL FC MENTORING PROGRAM**

The Global FC Mentoring Program is a model that develops vibrant communities by supporting youth through quality mentoring relationships This is a unique opportunity for an individual or a family to come alongside a Global FC youth and his/her family. Self-realization, the power of their story, understanding their evolving identity and improved self-esteem for the young person are important goals of the relationship.



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### From Players to Ambassadors



- Global FC believes in developing young people to become extraordinary leaders by developing:
  - Their ability to leverage opportunities with integrity and innovation; to make good decisions and achieve results.
  - Advance opportunities for young people (focus on underserved populations) to become extraordinary leaders in business and social enterprises.
  - Provide training and experience to foster leadership confidence including innovative thinking, risk taking (management) and teamwork
  - Aim to help young people gain skills to prepare them for their future career
  - Social Conscience: Valuing the impact an individual and enterprise can have on the community.
  - Develop young people's interest in long-term civic engagement in their community
  - Collaborative Communication: Engaging others in an inclusive manner across teams, functions and cultures; ability to leverage new and creative ways of communication
  - Provide opportunities for young people to collaborate in new and creative ways

• Demonstration of a commitment to building bridges of understanding between and among different youth communities.



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## Volunteers

Volunteers are crucial to our program vision and success. We see our volunteers not merely as support agents that assist in our organization tasks, but rather the "change agents" within our growing community who are willing to shepherd new ideas for the betterment of the people we serve.

For increased growth of our academic, mentoring and sports programming, volunteer recruitment is key. We currently have a volunteer recruitment plan which target schools, families, churches, organizations and various other outlets.



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# **Community Partners**



START AT ZERO





















United Way of Greater Kansas City



### **Recognition Of Our Work**

2016 Kansas State Soccer/ Heartland Soccer Association Community Outreach Award
2017 Sporting KC Community MVP Award: Mariya D Goodbrake (Kansas City, winner)
2018 Religious Freedom Short Film Competition (*South Korea*)(Finalist)

Media Links: New official video: https://vimeo.com/272646803/eba7e8d587

**Video:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHU\_jB6eG4o&t=2s

Video: https://vimeo.com/275322983/476b96f31b

Article: https://www.kansascity.com/sports/spt-columns-blogs/vahegregorian/article115583003.html





## Welcome to the Global FC Community

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