NEWSLETTER - FALL 2018





"Sharing Biblical truth to reach, teach & encourage next generation leaders through soccer"

Summer Camps – Celebrating 22 years!

Another awesome summer of soccer camps flew by with the Gospel going out to kids & parents throughout Houston. Here's a quick snapshot of June through August:

- Over 620 kids reached (includes Sports camp at Houston's First Baptist Church (HFBC), Cypress plus a camp for at risk kids in Spring Branch)
- 215 kids indicated a first time profession of faith
- 299 scholarships provided
- 20 staff members
- 40 volunteers
- 828 volunteer hours
- Devotional theme: "Quest for Identity"
- 30 daily devotionals with SQ staff / volunteers, including 11 guest speakers to encourage & challenge us to keep pressing on during the brutally hot summer months

 Long serving SQ coach, Vincenzo "Vinny" Cox (pictured right) was voted the National HS Coach of the Year!

"I was very impressed. Well organized, full of Jesus, full of fun and soccer - excellent!" **Second Baptist Church, Cypress** - Camp Parent





In the Community

Sports Quest continued to develop strong relationships with local churches and ministries.

- Soccer sessions & devotionals at Home Place of Texas – a non-denominational Christian community for adults with disabilities
- Soccer Challenge inflatable used at Shield Bearer Counselling Center fundraiser – a unique non-profit ministry founded in the movement to improve the health of relationships with families,
- Soccer challenge & soccer field inflatable used at Second Baptist Church, Cypress – "All American Sunday" event
- Soccer clinic & devotional in partnership with Urban Outreach to reach underserved & at-risk kids
- Soccer sessions & devotionals to support H1:8 Sports Camp at Houston's First Baptist Church, Cypress
- Radio broadcast interview with Bruce Munsterman at 105.7 KHCB on May 25th







Homeschool Soccer

Sports Quest concluded its 6th year as the official training group of HCYA Hurricanes (Homeschool Christian Youth Association) with 10 weeks of post-season training, ending May 3. Each session concluded with a message from Proverbs in our study "Quest For Wisdom" & was conducted in the beautiful, idyllic setting of North oaks Baptist Church in Spring.

Pre-season training starts early September & regular season training, for 6 teams, will resume in mid-October, consisting of 25 sessions & games against private/Christian schools in & around the Houston area.

Donations

Sports Quest had the joy and privilege of collecting & donating a variety of items to less advantaged communities both locally & overseas

- Soccer cleats & shin guards to Urban Outreach
- Soccer cleats to All Nations Sports Academy
- Soccer balls to Zambia
- Soccer uniforms to an adult men's team in Uganda
- Backpacks to Cambodia
- Backpacks for the back to school "Backpack Drive"



Golf Fundraiser

For the second year, Sports Quest was the recipient of funds raised by FASCO at their Annual Golf Tournament. A \$10,000 donation allowed us to purchase our newest inflatables: an awesome Soccer Challenge and a second (smaller) soccer field. We are now set up to



provide either a stand-alone soccer event within the community, or to enhance church & community events / fundraisers.

URGENTLY NEEDED!

Gospel Patrons—People to resource & come alongside Sports Quest to help us proclaim the gospel.

What price do you put on testimonials such as this one from our summer camp survey, 2018:

"My daughter asked Jesus into her heart during camp! We will never forget!" - Mrs. A. Parker – Parent

Is Sports Quest valuable enough to you to support us with a gift of \$10, \$25, or \$250, or a monthly gift in the same amount? Monthly gifts really help us spread our expenses over the year. Or maybe you are a business owner & could write a check for \$10,000 or \$20,000? We appreciate each of you very much for standing with us, now in our 22nd year of soccer ministry.

Announcements

There is soooo much more ministry to be done through Sports Quest, & we are blessed to be supported in many tangible ways!

- The addition of 3 new committees (camps, marketing & finance), will allow us not only to orchestrate future ministry opportunities, but also evaluate how to enhance existing programs as well as create new ones
- We are excited to partner with Coreluv to visit Haiti in February 2019 to conduct soccer clinics to orphans. This will hopefully be the first of many "outside the box" ministry involvements for SQ
- Our new, improved & user friendly website provides quick & easy access to everything you need to know about Sports Quest! Special thanks to Beefy Marketing for helping us put together a site we're proud of. Check out SQSoccer.com

 For the 3rd year, Sports Quest is recognized as an official ministry partner of HFBC,

Cypress

Out of 40 applicants, Sports
 Quest has been selected as
 1 of 7 Feature Ministry
 Partners of Get Together
 NW. This is a huge honor
 and provides tremendous
 NetCaring opportunities
 within the community



BIG News! Drumroll...

After faithfully serving Sports Quest for 22 years (many on a voluntary basis), Co-Founder Debbie Spence will be moving into a full time position at HFBC, Cypress as "Administrative Assistant to the Minister of Campus Development". We are truly excited for Debbie to use her gifts & talents within the church environment, & proud of all she's done within Sports Quest since 1996. She will continue to assist on a limited, as needed basis, & we are looking forward to this period of transition with eager anticipation.

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

At this critical time would you please prayerfully consider making a one time or monthly tax-deductible contribution?

Online:

At SQSoccer.com & click on the "Donate" button

By mail:

Mail contributions to: Sports Quest Inc., P.O. Box 1383, Cypress, TX 77410-1383



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