



Akron Inner City Soccer Club

Winter 2011-2012

AICSC Teams Have Year of Record Setting Wins!



⁶Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6
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Notes from the President:

2011 was another great year for Akron Inner City Soccer Club's Year-Round Youth Development/After School Program for Akron inner city children. It was a year of a record setting wins and the number of teams that were division champions, playoffs champions or both!

In May, my wife Judy and I received the President's Volunteer Service Awards at the Urban Soccer Collaborative (USC) Symposium in Washington, DC. I humbly received the award with these words "Judy and I are very grateful to God, to our President Mr. Barack Obama, our sponsors, coaches, players and parents for making the award possible. Thanks to Sarah Pickens, Karen Pope and everyone associated with the Urban Soccer Collaborative at Washington, DC for a great job, and the opportunities they continue to provide for the members."

As always, thank you for your continued support, our success is due to your support. From the coaches, and I, we look forward to seeing you in 2012!

Blessings,

Dele Olabisi

Akron Inner City Soccer Club

2011 AKRON INNER CITY SOCCER CLUB SPONSORS

Please join Akron Inner City in thanking and supporting our 2011 sponsors.

Without the generous support of the following foundations, organizations, and individuals, Akron Inner City Soccer Club would not be possible. Thank you for your investment in the lives of Akron inner city children.

1. Akron Community Foundation's V. E. (Tom) Atkins Fund.
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26. U.S. Soccer Foundation

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INDOOR FOOT SKILLS TRAINING

Our All Year Round Youth Development/After School Program got off to a great start in 2011 with our annual six weeks of **FREE** Foot skills Training session. The program was held at the Elder Johnson Family Life Center at the House of the Lord Church, located at 1650 Diagonal Road Akron, Ohio 44320.

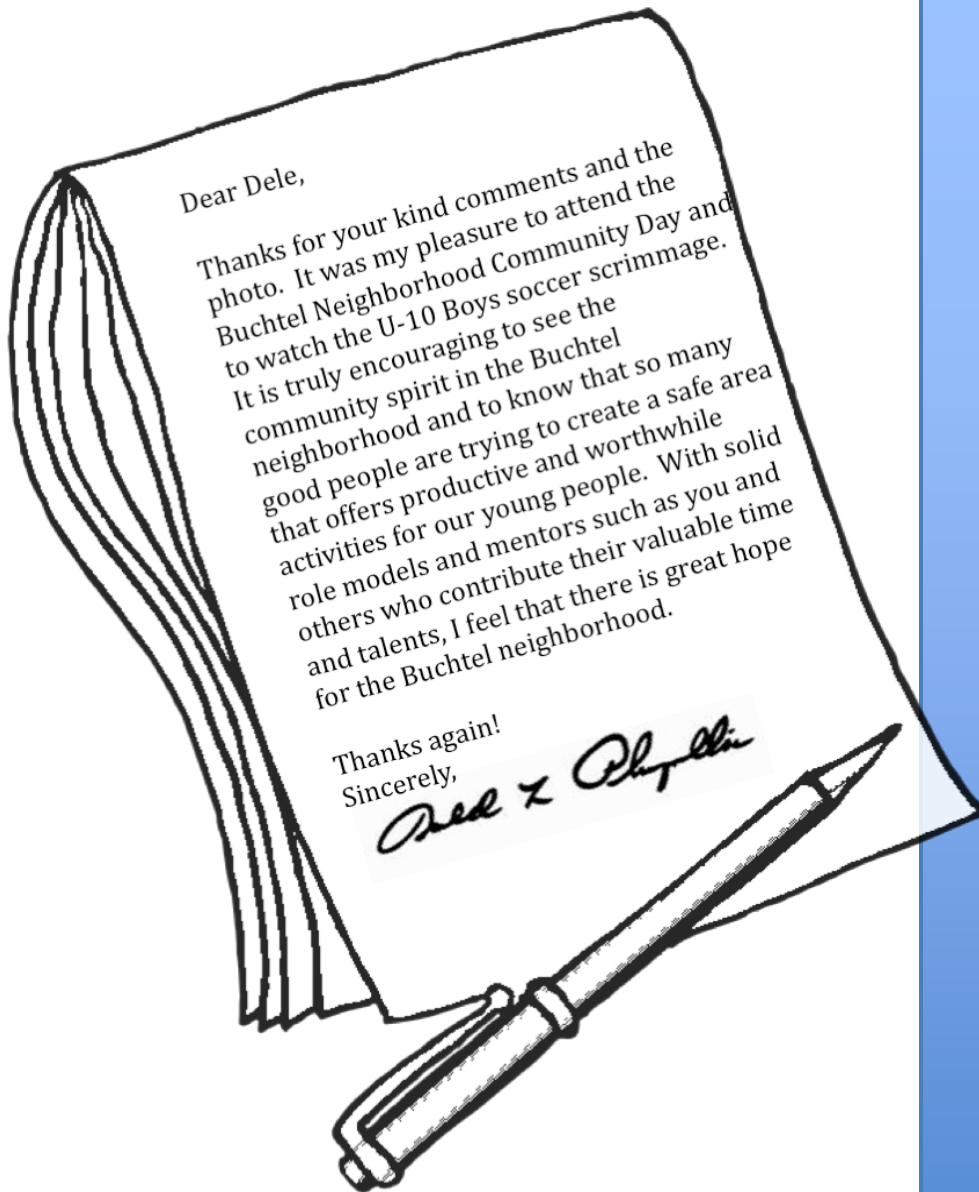
With an average of 60 participants each week, players had the opportunity to improve their soccer skills, and build friendships, all while shedding the unwanted weight gained during the cold winter months. All of our programs are held under coach and parent supervision which allow fun and safety for all participants.

We are grateful to the Bishop Joey Johnson, Pastor Taylor and the church's members for making the gym available at no cost to our club. We are looking forward to starting the 2012 indoor winter foot skills training season. Sessions will begin Saturday February 4, 2011, 2:30p-4p. For more information, please visit our website, Facebook or contact any of



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OHIO'S ELECTED OFFICIALS SUPPORT AICSC



It is always a special treat when our elected officials show support by attending our games and events! AICSC would like to thank Akron mayor Mr. Don Plusquellic for making an appearance at our neighborhood event and our U10-Boys scrimmage.

AICSC would also like thank Mr. George Brown from Senator Rob Portman's Cleveland office for coming out to watch our games at the beautiful Copley Road Soccer Complex in Akron, Ohio. We appreciate your time and the sideline support. Hope to see you again in the spring of 2012



Akron Mayor Mr. Don Plusquellic with Coach Dele
U-9 Boys Scrimmage - Saturday June 11, 2011



Mr. George Brown from Senator Rob
Portman's Cleveland Office
Saturday June 20, 2011



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DID SOMEONE SAY ROADTRIP? AICSC VISITS ROCHESTER FOR PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S MATCH

In addition to practices, games, camps, and tournaments, AICSC strives to provide its club members with exciting opportunities to watch collegiate and professional level matches. On a clear Monday afternoon in mid August, six AICSC members and a parent were among the 55 soccer fans headed by bus to Rochester, New York to watch women's teams New York Flash and The Atlanta Beat. The trip proved to be memorable as it was the first professional women's match our members have had the opportunity to watch live.

At the XYZ Stadium in Rochester, it was Puma Pink Project Night Celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness. Puma sponsored girls' youth soccer teams from across the country to watch the game. AICSC would like to thank Coach Mohammed Rahman of the Blue Angels Soccer Club (Medina, Ohio), for making it possible for our members to attend this exciting game at no cost. It was a great opportunity for the fans from Ohio to watch such talented and gifted players from the USA and beyond compete at the professional level.

MEASURING RESULTS

In our 11th consecutive year, AICSC has had the opportunity to watch many players grow from children to teenagers, and from teenagers to young adults. Our members grow into strong players and leaders on other teams in the community. We're always happy to see former players continue playing for local clubs and school teams including Firestone High School and Jennings Middle School.



Firestone High School

Left to Right: Ryan Hubbard, Victor Benavides, Ibrahim Sangary and Evan Johnson, not pictured Braxton Smith.



Former AICSC players, Newton Praseuth (white uniform) from Garfield High School and Christopher Pittman from Ellet High School (navy uniform).



Jennings Middle School

Front Row - Left to Right: Ka Se, Eh Ler Tha, Maung Tit Aye, Boo Le, Nay Kaw Htoo.
Back Row - Left to Right: Olivia Fitzpatrick, Baw Nyaw Lay and Lwe KPru Soe.

**CONGRATULATIONS JENNINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM 2011
CHAMPIONS OF THE AKRON MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER COMPETITION**

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2011 SUMMER CAMPS

Summer 2011 marked the fourth year Akron Inner City Soccer Club was able to host free soccer camps for the community. With a total of five weeks and five locations during the months of June and July, over 500 boys and girls ages 5-14 were able to participate. During summer months when many children fall idle to TV, video games, and endless internet surfing, our summer camps provided an outlet for activity and an environment for

children to learn soccer skills and life lessons such as teamwork, cooperation, relationship building, and valuable leadership skills.

AICSC is grateful to the Akron Community Foundation's V. E. (Tom) Atkins Fund, the Wealthy Family Foundation, and all the other foundations that allow us to make our summer camps available at no cost to our participants.

We are very pleased to announce a \$10,000 grant by the Akron Community Foundation's V. E. (Tom) Atkins Fund, to hold our 5th Annual Free Summer Soccer Camp in Summer 2012. Be sure to catch The Akron Beacon Journal's 2012 Summer Camps Guide edition, for dates and locations. Information will also be available on at inner-citysoccer.org and on Facebook.



Teamwork



2011 SUMMER CAMPS SCRAPBOOK

Offense



Scrimmage



Speed Drills



See You Summer 2012

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2nd ANNUAL AKRON UNITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Saturday and Sunday, August 6th & 7th, 2011 Akron Inner City Soccer Club had the privilege to host our 2nd Annual Akron Unity Soccer Tournament. And WHAT A HUGE SUCCESS IT WAS! Our goals for the tournament continue to be providing area clubs the opportunity to experience a tournament at the beautiful Copley Road Soccer Complex in Akron, and for all the participants to enjoy meeting and playing the beautiful sport they love.

Our inaugural tournament in 2010 had a total number of 12 teams with 18 total games played, and nearly 350 players and parents in attendance. For the 2nd annual tournament we more than doubled our attendees with 27 registered teams, 41 games played, and nearly 800 players and parents attending.

The two day competition was enjoyed by the players and parents. The tournament provided an opportunity to make friends and build memories that will last a life time. Our tournament has increased awareness of the international game of soccer in Akron inner city. We also believe it has added to the economic growth of our city as well.

With the University of Akron Men's Soccer Team winning the 2010 NCAA Division 1 College Soccer Competition, and Akron Inner City Soccer Club preparing the next generation of players in the city of Akron, we truly believed it won't be long before Akron becomes known as a "soccer city."

CHAMPIONS!

1. U9/U10-Boys Inner City Pythons (**Akron Inner City Soccer Club**)
2. U9/U10-Girls Wadsworth Rockets
(**Wadsworth Soccer Association**)
3. U11-Boys Highland Hornets (**Highland Youth Soccer**)
4. U12-Boys New Philadelphia Revolution
(**New Philadelphia Youth Soccer Association**)
5. U12-Girls N.E.O. Parma (**N.E.O. Soccer Club**)
6. U14 Boys American Solution FC
(**American Solutions FC North Olmsted**)

2011 Unity Cup Tournament Participating Clubs:

Akron Inner City Soccer Club
Alpha-Phi-Alpha Soccer Club
American Solution Football Club
Ashland United Soccer Club
Cuyahoga Falls Soccer Club
Green Soccer Association
Highland Youth Soccer
New Philadelphia Youth Soccer Association
N.E.O. Soccer Club
Norton Amateur Soccer Club
Wadsworth Amateur Soccer Association
Willard Soccer League

*2nd Annual Akron Unity
Soccer Tournament
Champions*





2nd ANNUAL AKRON UNITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT **SCRAPBOOK**



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SPRING 2011 GAASA GAME RESULTS

The following teams participated in the Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association (GAASA) Spring 2011 competitive league games.

SPRING 2011

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	TIE	COMMENTS
B9C4 Inner City Pythons	5	1	2	4 th of 11 teams
B9C5 Inner City Fire	6	2	0	3 rd of 8 teams
G9C4 Inner City Storms	5	3	0	2 nd of 5 teams
B0C4 Inner City Bafana	8	0	0	1 st of 7 teams
B1C2 Inner City Tsunami	6	1	1	1 st of 10 teams
B2C4 Inner City Flames	8	0	0	1 st of 9 teams
G2C3 Inner City Eagles	6	1	1	1 st of 10 teams
B4C2 Inner City Thunder	6	2	0	4 th of 8 teams

2011 spring season proved to be a spectacular season for our club! We set records in the numbers of wins, numbers of teams that made the playoffs, numbers of division winners and playoffs champions.



FALL 2011 GAASA GAME RESULTS

The following teams participated in the Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association (GAASA) Fall 2011 competitive league games.

FALL 2011

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	TIE	COMMENTS
B9C3 Inner City Fire	6	0	2	1 st of 8 teams
G9C2 Inner City Lightning	1	7	0	7 th of 7 teams
B0C4 Inner City Pythons	6	0	1	2 nd of 10 teams
G0C4 Inner City Volcanoes	3	5	0	4 th of 6 teams
B1C3 Inner City Bafana	6	2	0	2 nd of 7 teams
B2C1 Inner City Tsunami	1	6	1	9 th of 9 teams
G3C3 Inner City Eagles	2	5	1	6 th of 9 th teams
B4C2 Inner City Flames	5	2	0	3 rd of 12 teams



**Congratulations to all of our teams
(In-House teams & GAASA teams)**

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A SOCCER MOM'S LETTER

My son, David Hooks, began playing for Inner City Soccer Club when he was almost 5 years old. He enjoyed soccer before joining the club and, I noticed that he develops into a stronger player every year. The Inner City coaching staff evaluates the players' skill sets each year and they work on strengthening David in areas where he is weak while maximizing his strengths. They also host special training camps and invite collegiate and professional soccer players to do presentations and special skills sessions.

"The Inner City coaching staff evaluates the players' skill sets each year and they work on strengthening David in areas where he is weak while maximizing his strengths"

Despite his love of the game, as David became older, he noticed that many of his peers were not interested in soccer. In fact almost all of them either played basketball or football. At age 8, David asked if he could keep playing soccer but also try another sport in the fall. I allowed him to play flag football and then basketball in the spring before soccer. As he executed the football or basketball practice drills or games, I noticed many of the techniques and skills he had learned in soccer on the football fields and basketball courts, however, I have yet to see the skills he learned from football or

basketball on the soccer field. As a parent, I was very comfortable allowing him to play the game at 4.5 years old. He has the opportunity to continue with this club until he is in his early teens. It is a great sport and I believe he may have developed a lifelong love of it.



Sincerely,
Cheryl Hooks

NOTHING BUT NET 3 V 3 TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 13, 2011 two AICSC teams participated in the Nothing But Net 3 V 3 Tournament in Green, Ohio.

Congratulations to our U14-Boys for claiming the title of tournament champions, and our U11-Boys team for claiming the running up title.

Held annually in Green, Ohio, the Nothing But Net 3 V 3 Tournament raises funds to purchase mosquito nets that help prevent death from malaria fever due to mosquito bites. The funds raised are also used to educate people in the Africa Sub-Sahara Region countries of Nigeria, Ghana and Liberia..



Copley High School Student Leads Action to Help Injured AICSC Player

Beth Moore, a student at Copley High School, is a goalie on both the Internationals Soccer Club and Copley Varsity Women Soccer teams. Beth suffered an injury to one of her kidneys when she was kneed during a game. Her kidney was nearly split in half as a result. Recovering well, Beth has been participating in practices and games since her injury.

In early October 2011, during the playoff season, a similar accident occurred to a player on the U14-boys from Akron Inner City Soccer Club. The player, Boo Le, was kneed in his face and suffered a shattered cheekbone that required surgery. Beth, informed by her mom Mrs. Joan Moore about this incident, was

moved to take action.

Beth asked her mom if it was possible for her to help Boo Le and his family. Boo Le, who attends Jennings Middle School, and his family are refugees from Burma. Beth began by calling on all her friends and schoolmates to make a donation to Boo Le. Beth's brother, Doug Moore, who plays for Liberty U13 Boys, also called on his friends and schoolmates to do the same. Together, they raised \$256 and a \$20 gift certificate to Giant Eagle for

Boo Le and his family.

It is acts of kindness such as these that keep us connected as the human race. AISC would like to express heart felt thanks to the Moore family and friends for their Good Samaritan spirits and for reaching a child in need.



Above: Liberty U13 Boys Left: Copley High School Women's Soccer Team. Player #19, Beth Moore. Player #17 Chyan Mosley is a former AICSC member

KICK IT FORWARD – U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION

Kick It Forward is a program launched last year by the U. S. Soccer Foundation. The goal is to help struggling inner city soccer programs by partnering with local collectors such as high schools, soccer clubs, university soccer teams and other individuals and organizations that would collect fairly unused player equipment, and donate it to inner city soccer programs.

In this inaugural Kick It Forward program, AICSC is honored that our club was one of the 120 groups throughout the United States that will benefit from this program. Our heartfelt thanks go to Sara Durkin, Sara Shanley and Zack Riggles of the U. S. Soccer Foundation, and club director Marko Raduka and his son Joe Raduka who collected 300 pieces of donated player equipment from the Cleveland United Soccer Club, and Frank Griffith who collected 56 pieces donated player equipment from the Premier Soccer Academy (PSA) in Lorain, Ohio. Thanks to everyone for their involvement in advancing the sport of soccer in the inner city and for making a difference.

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AKRON INNER CITY SOCCER CLUB **COACHES & CONTRIBUTORS**

Name	Origin	Team
Dele Olabisi	Nigeria	U8 Innery City Lions U8 Inner City Hurricanes U8 Inner City Storms
Tunde Olabisi	USA	U8 Inner City Cobras
Takenya Lindsey	USA	U9 Boys Inner City Fire
Oladunni Oladeji	Nigeria	U9 Boys Inner City Fire
Gabriel Hindes	USA	U9 Girls Inner City Lightening
Emmanuel Essel	Ghana	U10 Boys Inner City Pythons
Kerri Ann Strobel	USA	U10 Girls Inner City Volcanoes
Manbaj Gill	India	U11 Boys Inner City Bafana
Ike Sampson Akpan	Nigeria	U12 Boys Inner City Tsunami
Kwyeland Becton	USA	U13 Girls Inner City Eagles
Tremaine Fitzpatrick	USA	U13 Girls Inner City Eagles
Dennis Malaba	Zimbabwe	U14 Boys Inner City Flames
Richards Burutsa	Zimbabwe	U14 Boys Inner City Flames

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Judy Olabisi	Debra Turner	Dele Olabisi		
Dele Olabisi		Nike Olabisi		

We welcome individuals or organizations that would like to sponsor a team or give a one time donations. You can also support our efforts by contributing your time to become a coach or assistant coach. We are a 501 (c) (3) organization, so your contribution is tax deductible.

For more information please contact Coach Dele Olabisi at 330-867-2797 or akroninnercitysc@gmail.com.



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Fall



Winter



Summer



Spring

Boys & Girls Ages 5-14 years old

----- REGISTRATION FORM: DETACH AND MAIL IN-----

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Telephone _____

_____Girl _____Boy

AGE_____ DOB ____/____/____

Shirt Size (Children's Sizes) S____ M____ L____ XL____

Seasonal Registration Fee: \$30 (*subject to change depending on season*)

Detach and Mail.

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