



Akron Inner City Soccer Club

Winter 2010

Highlights:

2010 Youth Leadership
Institute

Soccer for Social Change

Inaugural Unity Cup
Tournament

A Soccer Mom's Letter

AICSC 2010 Scrapbook

First Annual Inaugural Unity Cup Tournament a Success!



Left to Right: Dele Olabisi, Marcella Smith, Keith McLaren, Alethia Scott



Left to Right: Ike Akpan, Chris Mueller



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:

What a great year for AICSC! I'm excited to share with you all the exciting news that 2010 has brought to our organization. From the success of our first Tournament to 2 of our players accepted into the National Leadership Institute, and the several championship teams from our club, AICSC has been busy both on and off the field.

As always, thank you for your continued support and from the players, coaches, and myself, we look forward to seeing you next season!

Blessings

2010 AKRON INNER CITY SOCCER CLUB SPONSORS

Without their 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 Arthur Kelly Fund.
2. Bill & Joan Moore of Internationals Soccer Club and friends
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18. The Sisler Mcfawn Foundation
19. University of Akron Men's Soccer
20. Urban Soccer Collaborative
21. US Soccer foundation
22. Welty Family Foundation

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INDOOR FOOT SKILLS TRAINING

Akron Inner City Soccer Club was very excited to start 2010 by partnering with renowned and respected civic organization, The 100 Black Men of Akron Inc. Our two organizations share a mutual goal: to positively impact the lives of the under-privileged, and under-represented children of Akron's inner city. Together, we proudly provided five weeks of indoor soccer foot skills training at no cost to Akron's children. These training seminars were held at the Helen Arnold Community Learning Center, located at 450 Vernon Odom Boulevard.

The indoor foot skills training seminars provided a venue where the players were in a

positive environment that nurtured and reinforced the values of leadership, teamwork, and personal growth through soccer. They were taught basic soccer fundamentals that included; short and long ball passing, trapping, dribbling, and some participated in scrimmages to better evaluate individual development. The children, as well as their parents were delighted and grateful for the opportunity to refine their skills, and get out of the house during the winter months!



Our heartfelt thanks go to Mr. Michael Irby, President of The 100 Black Men Inc. of Akron branch, for working with us on this project and helping to make it the success it was for our Akron area children. Akron Inner City Soccer Club would also like to thank the city of Akron for making the building available for our program, and the hard work and efforts of Coach Junaid Sulahry.



Indoor Foot Skills at Helen Arnold Community Learning Center. with Coach Junaid Sulahry.

***For more information on
100 Black Men of Greater Akron,
Inc., please visit***

www.100bmoga.org



THE CHAMPIONS: Winter Indoor Games at Pinnacle

Our U14 (Under 14), boys team, Inner City Thunder, participated in the 2010 indoor competitive games at the Pinnacle Soccer Complex in Medina, Ohio. The boys played eight games against some of our area's best, including two International teams and Liberty FC. Our boys played very hard, demonstrating the skills they have developed while in our inner city soccer program, and earned a sweet, and well-deserved victory. CONGRATULATIONS to the boys of INNER CITY THUNDER!!!!!!



Front Row: Left to Right. Seleke Koreleh, Evan Johnson, Patrick Smith, Richard Prieto, Christopher Pittman, Braxton Smith.
Back Row: Left to Right. Wilber Cabrera, Amadu Jahlo, Jon Mon, Newton Praseuth, Lois Mendez, Rae'kwon Smith, Victor Benavides, Lin Naing, Quyen Nguyen, Coach Dele

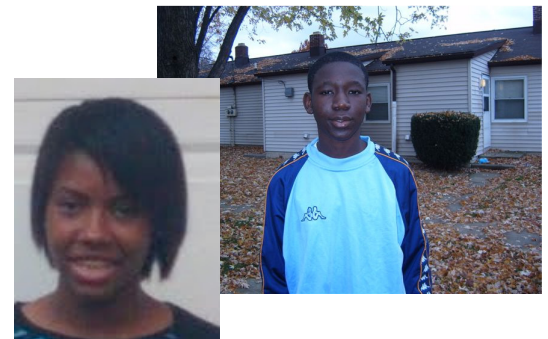
Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Chris Mueller of N.E.O.Soccer in Parma, Ohio who provided the funding opportunity to participate. Thanks to Bill and Joan Moore for providing ten high quality soccer balls for the team. Thank you for your continued support of our mission and vision.

2010 NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Two of our former players Seleke Korleh, a current member of the St. Vincent High School Varsity Soccer Team in Akron, Ohio and Chyan Mosley, currently on the Copley High School Girls Soccer Team, were blessed with the opportunity to participate in this year's National Youth Leadership Institute, held July 26 - July 31, 2010 at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

This year's focus was on, courage, cooperation, and perseverance. And in addition to soccer, Seleke and Chyan were educated in constructive goal setting, service-learning, college preparation, and leadership development.

Seleke and Chan were sponsored by the Urban Soccer collaborative, a division of U.S. Soccer Foundation. Special thanks go to Ms. Karen Pope, Ms. Sarah Pickens, in Washington, DC, and the Urban Soccer Collaborative supporting staffs, for their continued support of our program here in Akron, Ohio. We express our gratitude for making it possible for our players to attend this important workshop, at no cost to our participants.



Left to Right: Chyan Mosley. Seleke Korleh.

Social Change: Akron Inner City Soccer Club attends 4th Annual Urban Soccer Symposium

Dele Olabisi, President Akron Inner City Soccer Club joined 73 passionate individuals representing 48 other committed organizations from across the country for The 4th Annual Urban Soccer Symposium. This event was held in Washington, DC, on April 21st – 23rd. The symposium was presented by the Urban Soccer Collaborative and The U.S. Soccer foundation.

This national event was designed to help develop new programs and strengthen already existing ones that are using soccer as a tool for positive youth development, in under-resourced communities. The Urban Soccer Symposium is the only national event that provides resources, trainings, information, and networking opportunities specifically addressing the issues facing these programs. Participants benefited from expert panel discussions that included continued education in the fields of Fundraising, Strategic Planning, Partnership Development, Coaching Education, Life Skills Programming, and Measurements and Evaluations.

It was an overwhelming experience to be among the 48 inner city soccer clubs sharing ideas on how to better positively impact the lives of children in the inner city, and how to better face the challenges that we all face. The Urban Soccer Collaborative and the U.S. Soccer Foundation have joined forces to develop strategies, practices, and resources that will yield measurable and sustainable results among the populations of children they strive to serve.

“The response to this symposium is another significant step forward in mobilizing a movement and realizing the potential of soccer to impact positive social change. The compassion and commitment of the local program providers is inspiring. Now we must digest this feast of reason and use it to feed the needs of young people in under resourced communities across the country,” said Tony Williams, Urban Soccer Collaborative, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The power of soccer to shape the direction of young lives was highlighted by DeAndre Harrison, a youth leader from *Soccer in the Streets* in Atlanta, Georgia. Speaking as a Symposium panelist DeAndre said, “**There** I was just minding my own business on my way to prison, and these guys showed up rolled a ball out and before I knew it I was saved”

About the Akron Inner City Soccer Club

Akron Inner City Soccer Club was founded in the fall of 1999. Our with the goal to expand the sport of soccer to the Akron’s inner city children, both boys and girls, 5 through 14 regardless of their financial ability. Through the generosity of foundations and individuals this has been made possible. By utilizing the sport of soccer as our tool, the Akron Inner City Soccer Club has been able to change many lives through mentoring and community service. We also provide support for a more active lifestyle to help combat obesity, and other preventable illnesses. Our club promotes teamwork and a hard work ethic, through regular games and practices. Since 1999, **over three thousand** children in the city of Akron have participated, and the community is witnessing the positive impacts to the youth in our program.

Visit us online @ www.inner-citysoccer.org or e-mail at akroninnercitysc@gmail.com

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About the Urban Soccer Collaborative

The mission of the Urban Soccer Collaborative is to support and promote education soccer programs for children and youth in underserved communities through a cooperative platform designed to maximize opportunities, resources, and standards of excellence. Since being founded in 2008 with only 10 members, the Urban Soccer Collaborative currently has over 60 member organizations serving over 30,000 children in under resourced communities across the U.S.

For more information, please visit www.ussoccerfoundation.org/urbansoccerprograms

About the U.S. Soccer Foundation

The U.S. Soccer Foundation was established in 1994 to manage the surplus funds generated by the 1994 FIFA World Cup held in the United States. As the Major Charitable Arm of Soccer in the U.S., the Foundation has invested more than \$51 million in the game, supporting hundreds of projects in every state in the country. The Foundation supports programs and fieldbuilding projects with a special emphasis on serving youth in economically disadvantaged urban communities.

For more information, please visit www.ussoccerfoundation.org.



Clockwise from top right:

1. Practice with Coach Dele Olabisi

2. Members of Youth Urban Soccer Collaborative

*3. John Thomas-PhD
Assistant Technical Director
US Youth Soccer & Dele
Olabisi*

*4. Dr. Ed Foster-Simeon
President & CEO US Soccer
Foundation & Dele Olabisi*

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2010 MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT

For the past three years, Akron Inner City Soccer Club has registered four teams to participate at the Annual Circle City Memorial Day Tournament held in Tallmadge, Ohio. Participating in such a tournament gives our coaches important tools to evaluate players, and a great way to support area local clubs.

Tournament results are displayed below.



Front Row: Left to Right: Braxton Smith, Jason Render, William Shropshire, Richard Prieto, Tylor Williams, Christopher Pittman, Aaron Douglas. Middle Row: Kody Brown, Seleke Koreleh, Lin Naing, Tawee Moo, Luis Mendez, Jeremiah Jemison, Quyen Nguyen, Ryan Hubbard. Back Row: Coach Ike Akpan

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>WIN</u>	<u>TIE</u>	<u>LOSS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
G9C4 Inner City Lightning	2	0	1	Girls < 9yrs - 2 nd Place
B0C2 Inner City Tsunami	0	1	2	Boys < 10yrs
G1C3 Inner City Eagles	2	0	1	Girls < 11yrs
B4C2 Inner City Thunder	4	0	0	Boys < 14 yrs - CHAMPIONS

After playing three scheduled games and a final, Inner City Thunder B4C2 Boys were the tournament champions for U14 Boys division. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE PLAYERS, PARENTS, AND COACHES!!!!!!

NOTHING BUT NET 3 V 3 TOURNAMENT



Front Row: Left to Right: Eh Ler Taw, Maung Tit Aye, Patrick Smith. Back Row: Mia Za O O, Moises Martinez & Coach Dele Olabisi

Nothing but net 3 V 3 Tournament in Green, Ohio, raised funds to purchase mosquito nets that help prevent death from malaria fever due to mosquito bites. The funds raised also were used to educate people in the Africa Sub-Sahara Region countries of Nigeria, Ghana and Liberia. Our club felt very blessed to participate in this worthy course. This year, our U14-Boys participated in their age division, and won the second place due to goals differentials.



CLEVELAND LIGHTNING SOCCER CLUB

Akron Inner City Soccer Club would like to welcome the newly formed Cleveland Lightning Soccer Club, a neighboring inner city soccer club, to Northeast Ohio. We commend Reverend Dogba Bass for his hard work, dedications and his vision in putting this organization together.

Our U9-Boys and U11-Boys had a wonderful time at a scrimmage against Cleveland Lightning Teams, and both clubs enjoyed having another group of competitors to play with.



*Left: Akron & Cleveland Inner City Soccer Teams.
Right: Dele Olabisi & Dogba Bass*

CONGRATULATIONS UNIVERSITY OF AKRON MEN'S SOCCER TEAM!

As dedicated fans of all of our local collegiate and professional soccer teams, Akron Inner City Soccer Club would like to wish coach Caleb Porter, his staff, and the University of Akron Men's Soccer Team a big CONGRATULATIONS on a memorable season, and for winner its first ever NCAA Division 1 Championship.



*Congratulations Darlington Nagbe
for winning the Hermann Trophy*

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INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION **LAGOS INNER CITY SOCCER CLUB: AN EXPANSION OF AKRON INNER CITY SOCCER CLUB**

The birthplace of coach Dele Olabisi, Lagos, Nigeria, is also home to it's own Inner City Soccer Club. The club continues to thrive, practicing regularly and playing games with local groups.



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SPRING 2010 GAASA GAME RESULTS

The following teams participated in the Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association (GAASA) Spring 2010 competitive league games.

SPRING 2010

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	TIE	COMMENTS
B9C4 Inner City Pythons	3	2	2	Made the Playoffs
G9C4 Inner city Lightning	7	1	0	Division Champions
B0C2 Inner City Tsunami	5	3	0	Made the Playoffs
G0C3 Inner City Volcanoes	2	6	0	
B1C3 Inner City Flames	2	6	0	
G1C3 Inner City Eagles	4	1	3	Made the Playoffs
B2C2 Inner City Hurricanes	6	0	2	Division Champions
B2C3 Inner City Urban Vision	7	0	1	Division Champions
B4C2 Inner City Thunder	5	0	3	Playoff Champions



FALL 2010 GAASA GAME RESULTS

The following teams participated in the Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association (GAASA) Fall 2010 competitive league games.

FALL 2010

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	TIE	COMMENTS
B9C1 Inner City Pythons	0	7	1	
B9C5 Inner City Fire	4	3	1	
G0C3 Inner City Lightning	7	0	1	Division Champions
B1C2 Inner City Tsunami	2	4	2	
B2C3 Inner City Flames	0	8	0	
G2C3 Inner City Eagles	2	4	2	
B3C2 Inner City Urban Vision	2	5	1	
B4C2 Inner City Thunder	7	0	1	Division Champions

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



INAUGURAL UNITY CUP TOURNAMENT

This year, Akron Inner City Soccer Club reached another milestone! The Inaugural Unity Cup Tournament was held, at the beautiful Copley Road Soccer Complex in Akron, Ohio! This event took place August 7 & 8, 2010. We give praise to God for being the first Akron soccer club to bring the fever and the excitement of a soccer tournament to the city of Akron.

The goals for the tournament included:

- Unification of the area clubs for a celebration of the beautiful game of soccer.
- To offer area clubs an opportunity to showcase and evaluate their teams in a competitive games arena.
- To give a tournament experience to area clubs/teams that had never participated in a tournament.
- To build the tournament to a level that will attract international clubs in the future.
- We also intend to make the two-day event an economy booster for our city.
- We want to build a tradition for Akron and AICSC that will be passed to future generations of teams and players

2010 Inaugural Unity Cup Tournament participating clubs:

Akron Inner City Soccer Club

Cleveland Lightning Soccer Club

Copley Soccer Club

Coventry Soccer Club

Green Soccer Club

N. E. O. Soccer Club of Parma, Ohio

We thank the participating clubs/teams for their support. As new clubs have already marked their calendars for the 2nd Annual Unity Cup Tournament in 2011, we are excited for the Tournament to continue growing.



*Left: U12-Boys Cleveland Lightning with Coach Dogba Bass.
Right: U14-Boys N. E. O. Soccer Team with Coach Chris Mueller*

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INAUGURAL UNITY CUP TOURNAMENT SCRAPBOOK



Referees at Inaugural Unity Cup Tournament



*U10-Girls Inner City Lightning. Front Row: Left to Right: Damaris Jenkins, Elijah Evans, Granya Pace, Careya Pace.
Back Row: Coach Agape Nkwocha, Aalyiah Harvey, Kashmere Greer, Amina Sese, Chika Nkwocha, Samiah Harvey, Fanta Sangary.*



*U14-Boys Inner City Thunder
Front Row: Left to Right: Maung Tit Aye, Baw Nyaw lay, Jordan Nunn, jeremiah Jemison, Eh Ler Tha, Tylor Williams, Christopher Pittman, Eh Ler Taw, Min Zaw O O.
Back Row: Marshay Shavers, M'Shinda Broaddus, Moises Villalba, Rae'Kwon Smith, Coach Ike Akpan, Charles Worthly, Rae'kwon Smith, Kody Brown, Patrick Smith, Aaron Douglas.*

2010 SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

Our 3rd Annual Akron Inner City Soccer Club Summer Camp, which provided five weeks of no cost soccer training to Akron's under-represented children, was another success story for our organization. As in previous camps, the camp enrollment was near capacity right from the moment the announcement was made in the Akron Beacon Journal, in April of 2010. This was very encouraging and shows just how much our community looks forward to these camps, because the first camp did not start until Monday, June 28, 2010!

Camps are held in a different location each week to give children around the city an opportunity to come out to a park in their neighborhood. The camps are a dream come true for many families of Akron who are looking for a safe, fun summer activity. Also, participating in a large number for the first time were children of our new Asia refugees, mostly from the north side of Akron. To these kids, soccer is their passion and they were grateful for the opportunity to be able to participate.

Many thanks go to the Akron Community Foundation's Arthur Kelly Fund, and the Welty Family Foundation, for sponsoring our annual summer soccer camps.





A SOCCER MOM'S LETTER

HUMBLE BEGINNING

I want to thank Coach Dele, and the Akron Inner-City Soccer Club for continuously striving to meet their mission, "To teach the fundamental rules, skills, and principles involved with the game of soccer in a fun, safe environment at an affordable cost to families."

"What I had not considered at that time, was the possibilities that soccer could bring in the future."

When my son, Michaud Reyna was 6 years old, a parent told me about the Akron Inner-City Soccer Club and encouraged me to register my son to join the soccer team. From his very first practice with the team, I noticed that the coaches and volunteer staff were always patient with the children as they taught them soccer drills. The coaches challenged the children, without frustrating them. My son, played, had fun, and met new children. What I had not considered at that time, was the possibilities that soccer could bring in the future.

Michaud played soccer with the Akron Inner-City Soccer Club for 2 seasons before we moved from Ohio. But that wasn't the end of his soccer-playing days. We moved to a metropolitan area on the East Coast where people of different nationalities, are extremely passionate about the game of soccer. It wasn't long before Michaud was able to join a local team and apply the skills that he gained from playing with the Akron Inner-City Soccer Club. Michaud continued to play soccer, and the kid who once knew nothing about the game of soccer, began to develop into an agile soccer player.



Today, at the age of 14, Michaud still enjoys playing soccer. During the fall season of 2009, Michaud was one of two students selected by coaches of his CYO Division to represent their team in the CYO All-Star Game. What a great achievement! But, the true benefit did not stop there. This school year, Michaud began applying for enrollment into high schools, some of which have very competitive enrollment processes and costly tuition rates. He is able to highlight achievements that he has made on the soccer field on his high school and scholarship applications, and some day he will leverage these same soccer skills, when applying for college admissions and college scholarships.

I am very thankful for the Inner-City Soccer Club; there are many inner-city players who may have never considered joining a soccer team if this program did not exist. Instead those inner-city youth would seek to play the more popular, basketball, and/or football. But, through our experience while applying for high schools, I realized that the Inner-City Soccer Club has truly been a blessing for my sons. This organization has provided them with the foundational skills for a sport that will continue to generate scholarship dollars as they move on through high school and even college. Thank you, Coach Dele, and Best Regards to the Inner-City Soccer Team!

"I realized that the Inner City Soccer Club has truly been a blessing for my sons"

Sincerely,
Yvette Reyna



AKRON INNER CITY SOCCER CLUB COACHES & CONTRIBUTORS



Name	Origin	Team
Dele Olabisi	Nigeria	U5 - U7 Boys & Girls U10 Girls Inner City Lightening
Emmanuel Essel	Ghana	U9 Boys Inner City Pythons
Abdul Alimi	Nigeria	U9 Boys Inner City Fire
Tunde Olabisi	USA	U9 Boys Inner City Fire
Brad Regal	USA	U10 Girls Inner City Volcanoes
Kwye Becton	USA	U11 Boys Inner City Tsunami
Remberto Garciarq	Mexico	U11 Boys Inner City Tsunami
Dennis Malaba	Zimbabwe	U12 Boys Inner City Flames
Richard Burutsa	Zimbabwe	U12 Boys Inner City Flames
Tremaine Fitzpatrick	USA	U12 Girls Inner City Eagles
Scott Wilkes	USA	U13 Boys Inner City Urban Vision
Ike Akpan	Nigeria	U14 Boys Inner City Thunder



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Detra Gun	Russell Neal Jr.	Len Kurzynski	Tracy Nguma	Stefano Nguma
Marcella Smith	Leroy Tibbs	Judy Olabisi	Nike Olabisi	
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 an 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.

Akron Inner City Soccer Club

Join us year round!

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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