

# Akron Inner City Soccer Club



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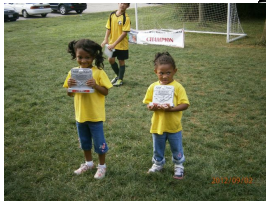
From Akron Inner City Soccer Club to Olympic Development Program, Derrick Reodus Jr, of Columbus, Ohio (#4).

Read more about his journey in  
"A Soccer Family's Letter" (page 9-10).

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

Proverbs 22:6  
KJV





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# **NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**



With 2012 now behind us, AKRON INNER CITY SOCCER CLUB CELEBRATES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR! We thank God for our continued success and for the overwhelming support of caring, forward-thinking individuals, area foundations, coaches, parents, and players.

Our All Year Round Youth Development/After School Soccer Program continues to reach more and more inner city children of Akron. We are happy to now include newly arrived refugees from several countries in Asia who now reside mostly on the north side of Akron. All players, both our “veterans” and “rookies” appreciate the opportunity to practice and play in our low cost soccer program.

We continue to witness and be inspired by the positive impact our program is making in the lives of our players. Our teams continue to play competitively, and win games at the Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association (GAASA) competitive games, and at other tournaments. Many of our players also participate on their school soccer teams. Our players’ parents continue to deliver the good news that their children are performing better in school since joining our program, and that many continue to lose weight and remain more active.

Akron Inner City Soccer Club continues to focus on building champions and shielding our children from the dangers and violence of the streets all year round. Together we are building a better, safer and stronger Akron. Once again, on behalf of our board members, the coaches, parents and players, I sincerely thank you for making our program possible.

Blessings

Dele Olabisi  
Coach Dele

## **AICSC 2012 SPONSORS**

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2. Akron Community Foundation’s Vernon Odum Fund
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25. Summit County Department of Job and Family Services
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27. University of Akron Department of Athletics
28. Urban Soccer Collaborative
29. Welty Family Foundation
30. West Akron Neighborhood Group (W.A.N.G.)



## PARENT HEALTHY CHALLENGE

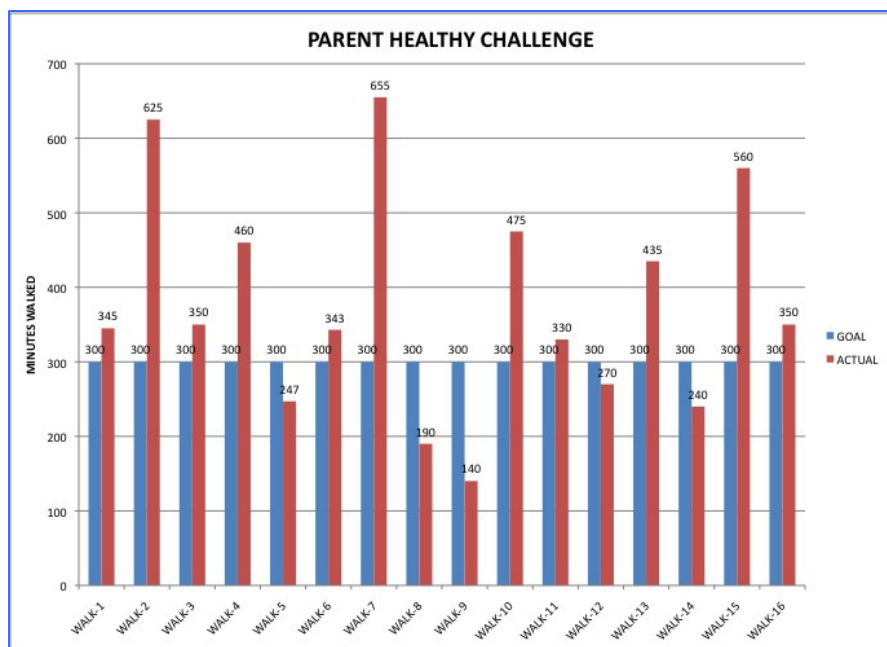
In Spring 2012 Akron Inner City Soccer Club launched an initiative called *Parent Healthy Challenge*. We asked the parents to lead by example, and instead of simply sitting or standing on the sidelines during our practices, they were challenged to walk around the field while watching their soccer stars practice. Our goal was to have the parents complete 300 minutes or 5 hrs. of walking per week, for sixteen weeks, resulting in at least 4800 minutes or 80 hours of physical activity for the session.

The response was impressive and a win-win for the parents

and players. Both the parents and the players arrived at practice ready to move! Wearing their walking shoes and carrying their water bottles, our parents stepped out of their vehicles and on to the walking path. Mrs. Ranae Riley, our coordinator for the challenge, recorded the minutes walked for each parent for the entire sixteen weeks. The initiative was a success and the parents exceeded our goal and expectations by completing a total of 6015 minutes (100 hours and 25 minutes)! Even more impressive was that many of our parents continued the routine during the fall season of

2012 and encouraged new parents of our club to join them as well!

We look forward to another year of our *Parent Healthy Challenge* and are exploring opportunities to partner with local healthcare industry professionals in an effort to grow and continue this initiative. We proudly support preventative healthcare, such as this, as it helps to reduce the risk of many diseases and leads to a healthy and active lifestyle for the whole family.



Mrs. Ranae Riley, our coordinator for the challenge, recorded the minutes walked for each parent for the entire sixteen weeks. The chart shows the parents' progress each week of the program.



## **2012 SUMMER CAMP**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Summer Camp for the children of Akron, hosted by Akron Inner City Soccer Club, was another huge success for us in 2012. The camp continues to provide unparalleled opportunities for the children of Akron. The five weeks of summer camp were held at five different locations throughout the city, enabling many children to participate in their own neighborhood, and eliminating the need for transportation.

For the first time, our club was able to provide one hundred nutritious meals at no cost to our campers immediately after each camp for four weeks. This was the result of a collaborative effort between our club and The Southside Dreams Association of Akron. The Southside Dreams Association, under the direction of Mrs. Alice Anderson, was approved for the preparation and the distribution of the meals by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

AICSC feels blessed to have the unique opportunity to provide for our players in this way. We owe our heart felt thanks to Mrs. Alice Anderson and The Southside Dreams Association for their participation in our summer camps and we wish them continued success. In addition, a special thanks goes to our Summer Camp Gold Sponsor: V. E. (Tom) Atkins Funds of the Akron Community Foundation and to our Silver Sponsor: The Wealthy Family Foundation.



# Akron Inner City Soccer Club

## **YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (YES) PROGRAM**

For the first time during the 2012 Summer Camp the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services under their Youth Employment Services (YES) Program provided us with five teenagers for the purpose of obtaining on the job training with our organization. This came at no cost to the club and provided the teens with valuable job skills necessary to make them competitive candidates in the job market. AICSC is pleased that Summit County recognized our organization as a place to send teenagers for this valuable training.



Left to Right: Lakarra Gaves, T'naisha Ward, Alease Cooper & Ciara Lewis.  
Not pictured: Shyheim Starr.

## **OHIO BLACK WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CAUCAS, INC. AKRON CHAPTER**



Coach Dele and his wife Judy Olabisi

CONGRATULATIONS to our Coach Dele Olabisi for being one of the recipients of the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to The Significant African-American Males. Each year Akron's chapter of the Black Women's Leadership Caucus, Inc., selects black men from the community who have continuously been positive role models for our youth and our communities, but have gone unrecognized for their efforts.

Coach Dele would like to thank all the past and present players, parents, coaches, individuals and Foundations for making the award possible. Coach Dele would also like to thank the friends and family members who were present at the breakfast award ceremony which was held Saturday, January 19, 2013.

Family, AICSC coaches, and board members attended the breakfast to recognize Coach Dele and the other award recipients.

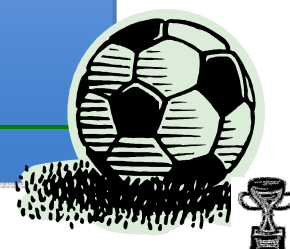




## **SPRING 2012 GAASA GAME RESULTS**

The following teams participated in the Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association (GAASA) Spring 2012 competitive league games.

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>LOSS</b>	<b>TIE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
B9C2 Akron Inner City Fire	3	3	2	6 <sup>th</sup> of 9 teams
G9C3 Akron Inner City Lightening	1	6	1	7 <sup>th</sup> of 7 teams
B0C3 Akron Inner City Pythons	5	3	0	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 8 teams
B1C2 Akron Inner City Bafana	6	1	1	2 <sup>nd</sup> of 9 teams
G1C5 Akron Inner City Hurricanes	2	5	1	4 <sup>th</sup> of 6 teams
G3C2 Akron Inner City Eagles	2	5	1	5 <sup>th</sup> of 7 teams
B4C2 Akron Inner City Flames	5	2	1	1 <sup>st</sup> of 9 teams



## **FALL 2012 GAASA GAME RESULTS**

The following teams participated in the Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association (GAASA) Fall 2012 competitive league games.

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>LOSS</b>	<b>TIE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
B9C5 Akron Inner City Lions	2	4	2	5 <sup>th</sup> of 5 teams
B0C2 Akron Inner City Fire	3	5	0	4 <sup>th</sup> of 6 teams
G0C4 Akron Inner City Lightening	8	0	0	1 <sup>st</sup> of 7 teams
B1C2 Akron Inner City Pythons	3	3	2	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 6 teams
G2C5 Akron Inner City Hurricanes	4	3	1	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 5 teams
B3C3 Akron Inner City Bafana	6	1	1	2 <sup>nd</sup> of 10 teams
G4C3 Akron Inner City Eagles	7	1	0	1 <sup>st</sup> of 8 teams

**Congratulations to all of our teams for a great year!**



# Akron Inner City Soccer Club

## 3RD ANNUAL AKRON UNITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Saturday and Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Akron Inner City Soccer Club had the privilege to host our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Akron Unity Soccer Tournament. Again, the tournament ended on a successful note! The goal for the tournament has been to provide area clubs with the opportunity to play and experience the tournament atmosphere.

Our sincere thanks go to all the teams and clubs for their participation and support. We thank the City of Akron Parks and Recreation for making the beautiful Copley Road Soccer Complex available for the event, and thanks to Mr. Tom Pickett for his support. We thank the volunteers, referee officers, and our coaches for making the tournament possible. We thank the individuals and area foundations for their continued support of our Year Round Youth Development/After School Soccer Program.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Unity Cup Tournament participating clubs:

Akron Inner City  
Soccer Club

AMFC

Barberton Youth Club

Brunswick Soccer Club

Canfield Soccer Club

Cuyahoga Falls Soccer  
Club

NEO Soccer Club

Norton Amateur Soccer  
Club

Wadsworth Amateur  
Soccer Association

Wickliffe Soccer Club

Willard Soccer Club

3rd Annual Akron Unity Tournament RESULTS				
	U8/U9 BOYS TEAMS	COACH	CLUB	TOURNAMENT RESULTS
1	Canfield U9/U10 -Girls	George Condoleon	Canfield FC	1st Place
2	Brunswick Aresenal U8-Boys	Brian Valore	Brunswick Soccer Club	2nd Place
3	Akron Inner City Lions	Justin Chenault	Akron Inner City Soccer Club	3rd Place
4	Wadsworth Strikers Zips U9-Boys	John Kraft	WASA	4th Place
	U9/U10-Boys			
1	Willard Storms U10-Boys	Benjamin Guerra	Willard Soccer Club	1st Place
2	Brunswick Royal U9-Boys	Pam Dotson	Brunswick Soccer Club	2nd Place
3	Akron Inner City Fire U10-Boys	Takenya Lindsey	Akron Inner City Soccer Club	3rd Place
4	Barberton FC U9-Boys	Marcell Harris	Barberton FC	4th Place
	U11/U12-Girls			
1	AMFC Wombats U12-Girls	Todd Dekatch	AMFC	1st Place
2	Cuyahoga Fall U12-Girls	Joe Newberry	Cuyahoga Soccer Club	2nd Place
3	Wickliffe U12-Girls	Ron Mandato	Wickliffe FC	3rd Place
4	Notron U11-Girls	Amy Bornstibne	Norton Soccer Club	4th Place
5	Akron Inner City Hurricanes U12-Girls	Dennis Malaba	Akron Inner City Soccer Club	5th Place
	U11/U12-Boys			
1	Akron Inner City Bafana U12-Boys	Steve Lopez	Akron Inner City Soccer Club	1st Place
2	NEO U12-Boys	Chris Mueller	NEO Soccer Club Parma	2nd Place
3	Wadsworth Invaders U12-Boys	Jeff Erickson	WASA	3rd Place
4	Willard Storms U12-Boys	Benjamin Guerra	Willard Soccer Club	4th Place
	U14-Girls			
1	Canfield FC U14-Girls	Frank Mancini	Canfield FC	1st Place
2	NEO U14-Girls	Chris Mueller	NEO Soccer Club Parma	2nd Place
3	Wadsworth U14-Girls	Mike	WASA	3rd Place
4	Akron Inner City Eagles	Ike Akpan/Tremaine Fitzpatrick	Akron Inner City Soccer Club	4th Place
	U14-Boys			
1	Brunswick U14-Boys	Timothy Shearer (Coach Tim)	Brunswick Soccer Club	1st Place
2	NEO U14-Boys	Chris Mueller	NEO Soccer Club Parma	2nd Place
3	Willard U14-Boys	Benjamin Guerra	Willard Soccer Club	3rd Place
4	Wadsworth U14-Boys	John Kraft	WASA	4th Place





## **A SOCCER FAMILY'S LETTER**

### **It All Began with Akron Inner City Soccer**

As I think about the last 8+ years, one thing that has been a constant in our lives has been soccer. It has become a sport that the entire family loves, much to our surprise and pleasure. If you would have told us years ago that Derrick Jr. (DJ) would not only still be playing soccer, but would take his game to the high school level, we wouldn't have believed it. If you had told us years ago that all four of the Reedus kids would be playing some form of soccer (Recreational and Select), we DEFINITELY would not have believed it - and to be honest, we owe it all to our start with Dele Olabisi and our Inner City Soccer Family.



We first found out about Inner City from Ayesha Chenault, who had a son in the program. At that point, DJ was 6 or 7, and we thought that it would be a good sport to get him involved in at a younger age. To be honest, we knew NOTHING about the sport, but we thought, "well, we've got nothing to lose, so let's sign him up." I can still remember the first team and first season they played in. Almost all of the boys had never played before, so all of us - parents and kids - were learning the game at the same time. Dele and Hugh (DJ's first soccer coach) were very supportive and really worked on the boys learning the fundamentals of the game. That Fall season the team lost EVERY game and to top it off, Derrick Sr. and I would look at each other and think "HE'S TERRIBLE!!" but like any parent, we came back in the Spring to honor our commitment. The Spring season, the team won one game, tied one game, and lost the rest. I remember approaching Dele after the season ended and expressing my concern about if this was the sport for DJ, and he calmly replied, "the boys are still learning the game and getting to know each other. Trust me, give them time and they will get better." Obviously he knew more than what we did, because the following fall season, something must have clicked in the boys, and they won EVERY game that season and made it to the GAASA tournament for the first (of several) time.

***"He went from being a kid who once asked to go home from a game...to someone who always had a soccer ball glued"***

Right around this time, we began to see the beginning of DJ's skills as a soccer player. He would practice outside of games and team practices on his own, with his dad, and with his friends. He went from being a kid who once asked to go home from a game because it was too cold, to someone who always had a soccer ball glued to his foot! I give much of that credit to Dele who has always emphasized that "touches on the ball" are what help to improve your soccer skill. As we were learning more about the game, Dele and the coaches were the ones who would tell us that DJ had a "good understanding of the game", that he was "always aware of what was happening on the entire field", that he was "very coachable" and eventually that he was a natural fit at the forward position. Derrick Sr. and I firmly believe that the foundation of DJ's development as a soccer player all started with the Akron Inner City Soccer Club program, and particularly the coaches who saw something special in him - Dele, Ike, Hugh and Ismail. From playing in GAASA, to playing on a state league team, the Inner City Soccer Club instilled the knowledge and love of the sport in our son, as well as us. They saw skill at a young age, that we had no idea existed, and he has only gotten better. This eventually made its impact on the rest of the Reedus children, and although only DJ and his sister BrieAnna were playing with Inner City before we left, all four of the kids currently play, including our 5yr old. (See page 10)

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## **A SOCCER FAMILY'S LETTER *(continued)***

When we relocated back down to Columbus in 2008, we decided that the best way to help the kids in the transition was to immediately get them involved in the local soccer program. We have been fortunate to continue to have good coaches for DJ, and many have commented on the skill that he has, which we feel is a direct reflection of where it all started. DJ has continued to play club soccer, indoor winter soccer, and even participated as a regional pool team player with the ODP program, run by U.S. Youth Soccer in our 4+ years in central Ohio. We firmly believe that the foundation for ALL of this was laid by Inner City Soccer. Inner City Soccer was and is more than just a soccer club to us - it is a part of our family and always will be. The coaches all give of themselves unselfishly to develop the players. The memories of our times at games and tournaments with the families are deeply ingrained in our minds, hearts, and spirits. I have yet to find anything that replicates that close bond that ALL of the parents had with each other, and we still keep in touch with some of those parents and coaches (thanks to the wonders of Facebook!!) that we developed relationships with.

DJ is still playing soccer, but has now “taken his talents” to high school soccer at Pickerington High School North. This was his freshman year, and it greatly exceeded our expectations. DJ played on the JV-A team AND the varsity team, and he was blessed to receive his first varsity letter - as a freshman! The team made it to the Division I District Final game, and lost 4-1, but you would be pleased to know that DJ scored the team’s lone goal! He will be playing high school club in the spring, and continuing his high school season in the fall. Even with adding track to his activity list (2 years in junior high, and we believe his soccer skills help him tremendously), he will always tell you that he is a soccer player first and foremost.

*“The memories of our times at games and tournaments with the families are deeply ingrained in our minds, hearts, and spirits.”*

To Dele and Judy, and all of the coaches at Inner City Soccer, we say “thank you” for all of the dedication that you have given to the players and their families. You are a blessing to soccer and the families in the Akron area, and especially to the families of color who otherwise might not have ever gotten involved. And “thank you” for sowing the seeds that have allowed our family to become a true soccer family from the oldest to the youngest.

The Reedus Family (Derrick Sr., LaTashia, Derrick “DJ” Jr., BrieAnna, Sienna and Kamaryn)



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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Team</b>
Dele Olabisi	Nigeria	5-7yrs In-House Teams
Tunde Olabisi	USA	5-7yrs In-House Teams
Justin Chenault	USA	U9 Boys Akron Inner City Lions
Takenya Lindsey	USA	U10 Boys Akron Inner City Fire
Stephanie Cardarelli	USA	U10 Girls Akron Inner City Lightening
Emmanuel Essel	Ghana	U11 Boys Akron Inner City Pythons
Steve Lopez	Mexico	U11 Boys Akron Inner City Pythons
Dennis Malaba	Ziimbabwe	U12 Girls Akron Inner City Hurricanes
Dele Olabisi	Nigeria	U12 Girls Akron Inner City Hurricanes
Manbaj Gill	India	U13 Boys Akron Inner City Bafana
Dele Olabisi	Nigeria	U13 Boys Akron Inner City Bafana
Kwye Becton	USA	U14 Girls Akron Inner City Eagles
Tremaine Fitzpatrick	USA	U14 Girls Akron Inner City Eagles
Ike Akpan	Nigeria	U14 Girls Akron Inner City Eagles
Dennis Malaba	Zimbabwe	U14 Boys Akron Inner City Flames
Richard Burutsa	Zimbabwe	U14 Boys Akron Inner City Flames

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*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.*



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# Akron Inner City Soccer Club

## Join us year round!

Fall

Winter

Summer

Spring

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

## Boys & Girls

### Ages 5-14 years old

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)*

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