



# Akron Inner City Soccer Club

## Radiation of Excellence



For the 2014 season, Akron Inner City Soccer Club strived to radiate excellence in all of its activities. From our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity Tournament to our participation in the West Akron Parade and in our regular games and practices. AICSC is proud to close another successful

*Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will never depart from it.*

*Proverbs 22:6*

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## Notes from Coach Dele

In 2014, Akron Inner City Soccer Club celebrated our fifteen year anniversary! We give thanks to the God for His abundance of blessings. Our Year Round Youth Development/After School Soccer Program continues to be a trailblazer in bringing an affordable program to the members of our community. Our program provides unprecedented, and unparalleled, opportunity to the at-risk and under-served inner city children of Akron.

As in previous years, we began the year with 6 weeks of indoor footskills training. These sessions help to improve our players' skills and technique in the off-season. We then followed with eleven weeks of spring training and league games. For 2014, we developed 12 teams with a total of 160 boys and girls. In the Summer season AICSC held 4 weeks of free summer soccer camps, at four different locations throughout the city. AICSC'S 2014 summer camp proudly reached over 400 community children. We ended the year with 11 weeks of Fall practices and league games, where we fielded 11 teams, and served 140 boys and girls.



One major highlight of 2014 for myself and the club was to be recognized by the Honor Project for our work in the community. I remain proud of all of our players, parents, and the generous contributions from individuals, foundations, and our dedicated coaches. Our success this past fifteen years is made possible by all of you. I look forward to another successful year where we continue to raise the bar on our skills and activities on and off the field. Thank you for your continued support of our program.

## In Kind Support

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- \* University of Akron Department of Athletics

## AICSC 2014 Sponsors

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## The Honor Project

A highlight for the 2014 season came in the awarding of funds from The Honor Project Trust. On September 14, 2014, The Honor Project awarded Akron Inner City Soccer Club with a \$5,000 grant to continue its work in the community.

The brainchild of the Honorary Judge John J. Russo, of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, The Honor Project Identifies and honors 501 (C) organizations throughout the State of Ohio that are working as vehicles for social change. The Honor Project Trust was created using



the surplus of funds from case settlements with the State of Ohio. In 2014, over six million dollars was distributed to various organizations throughout the state of Ohio. The event honored 250+ organizations grouped by their service to the community in 10 specific areas including, but not limited to: Food & Clothing, Shelter, Arts/Sports, Elderly/Assisted Living, Medical/Health, and Drug & Alcohol Rehab.



Held September 14, 2014 at the Cleveland Global Center. Coach Dele was honored to share the evening with his family, and Coach Ike Akpan and Coach Chris Mueller of NEO Parma.

The grant allows AICSC to continue offering its programs at an affordable cost to our target families. For more information on The Honor Project Trust, please visit: [honorproject.org](http://honorproject.org).

## PLAYER FEATURE: #29 Ryan Hubbard

It is the mission of AICSC to not only teach the sport of soccer, but to support and encourage the growth of our players from youth to high achieving adult men and women. Ryan Hubbard is a great example of this for our community and for the youth of AICSC. Learn more about Ryan below:

- \* Ryan participated in our program from U9 to U18
- \* He completed high school at Firestone High School and was a contributing member on their men's soccer team
- \* Ryan is currently attending Howard University and maintaining a 4.0 grade point average
- \* He is a member of the Howard University Men's soccer team and wears uniform #29
- \* Ryan volunteers on campus and in the D.C. Community
- \* He has secured a research internship in the university's physics department



**AICSC wishes Ryan continued success in his academic and athletic endeavors!**

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Akron Unity Tournament



The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Akron Unity Tournament was held Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Thirty teams enjoyed Labor Day weekend with competitive play at the Copley Road Soccer Complex. Tournament play lasted the full day with each team playing 3 games, twenty-five minutes each. This tournament format was fast paced and exciting for players, coaches, and fans.

Nearly one thousand players and parents attended AICSC's one day event. The tournament was a huge success, and boasted the highest attendance of all of tournaments the club has hosted. AICSC would like to thank all of the area clubs in attendance, the City of Akron Parks and Recreation, and Mr. John Valley, Director of Neighborhood Assistance for their ongoing support of our program. Special thanks to our Akron Unity Tournament Volunteers for organizing and running a successful event.

***Tournament Volunteers:*** Judy Olabisi, Marcella Smith, Aquila Hollinger, Anita Wilkson, Detra Gunn, Nike Olabisi, Tunde Olabisi, Briana Gunn, Brea Gunn & Ike Akpan

### **Congratulations to Each of the Division Champions:**

**The U9-Boys** Ravenna U9-Boys

The U10-Girls Wadsworth U10-Girls

The U10-Boys Fairview U10-Boys

The U12-Boys Barberton U12-Boys

The U14-Boys Ternopil (Parma, Ohio) U13-Boys



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## 34<sup>th</sup> Annual West Akron Parade & Festival



An exciting activity for AICSC was participating in the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual West Akron Parade. With over 100 players and parents in attendance, the parade was not only a fun “off the field” activity for our players, but provided an opportunity for the community to meet and greet with AICSC leaders and parents.

Our theme for the parade was **Soccer & Family**. With this theme in mind, our group including parents, coaches and the players, marched the parade route holding different color soccer balls. As a result, we were awarded with the “The Most Unique” trophy at the parade.

**Congratulations Akron Inner City Soccer Club!**

AICSC would like to express its gratitude to the West Akron Parade and Festival Committee for the invitation to participate and to Ms. Jessica Harris for allowing us to use her truck as our parade vehicle.



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## **B3C3 Akron Inner City Cobras: A note from Coach Takenya Lindsey**

As the fall 2014 season kicked off I was so worried. We were registered as a U13 team (boys under the age of thirteen years old) whereas our team comprised mostly of eleven and twelve year old boys. Coach Dele told me they will be fine just do your best. I held on to faith that we would have a good season. I knew that the team was aiming for the playoffs. They were enthusiastic about getting out on the fields to play the wonderful game of soccer.

As our season progressed I realized that we had one of the most talented and gifted teams in our division. We were # 1 in the division and headed to the playoffs, and then the Championship game! Our boys B3C3 Akron Inner City Cobras were crowned the Division Champions! Words can't even begin to describe how proud I was of my team. They set a goal, and they worked hard to achieve it. Like we all say, hard work and dedication pays off.



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I want to take the time to thank all of the coaches, and especially Coach Chidozie Martins who assisted the team during practice. I appreciate you all taking the time to assist in my absence. Your guidance assisted in our Championship win. To my dedicated parents, you are AWESOME! With the dedication of parents and coaches our soccer club will continue to grow successfully.

I encourage everyone to attend footskills in the winter. This is a great way for you to improve skills and learn new ones and is **FREE** of charge to the children of Akron.

I am hopeful that this spring will be another fun season of soccer. Please get your registration forms turned in.

See everyone on the field soon!

Coach Takenya Lindsey



# Akron Inner City Soccer

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Summer Soccer Camp

For seven years in a row, AICSC has been blessed with the opportunity to offer a **FREE** of charge summer soccer camp to the children of Akron. This free soccer program in the summer has not been duplicated in any major urban area, and is another example of why we depend on the support of our generous donors. Like in previous years, the 2014 camps were held at four different locations throughout the city. This enabled many children to participate in their own neighborhood eliminating the need for transportation for many participants.



For three years in a row, our club has had the opportunity to provide one hundred nutritious meals at no cost to our campers immediately after each camp. The meals were made possible due to the collaboration with 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 owes a heartfelt thanks to Southside Dreams of Akron for their camps. In addition, a special thanks Sponsors: V. E. (Tom) Atkins Funds dation, the United Way of Summit The Welty Family Foundation.

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Mrs. Alice Anderson and The participation in our summer goes to our Summer Camp Gold of the Akron Community Foun- County, and our Silver Sponsor:



We thank the Summit County Job and Family Services for sending three young adults, through the Akron Urban League, for on the job training during our summer soccer camps. It was a great opportunity for the three teens and we hope that the experience they had will prove beneficial for them. AICSC was happy to add one of these interns as a coach and recruit his sibling to join the team!



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## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Summer Soccer Camp: Scrapbook



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## 2014 Team Highlights

Major League Soccer Team, The Columbus Crew, offered our club a memorable opportunity by inviting twelve of our boys to work as the official “Ball Boys” during their game against the Indi Eleven of Indianapolis. The match was held on Saturday, August 12, 2014 at the Cape Cadet Soccer Field on the campus of the University of Akron. The Columbus Crew won the game 3-2. We thank the leadership team and organization staff of the Columbus Crew for the opportunity.



The University of Akron Men’s Soccer team offered our club the opportunity to present twelve of our players to participate as the official “Ball Boys” during the game against the University of West Virginia Men’s Soccer Team. Our University was victorious with a 2-1 win. We thank the University of Akron Men’s Soccer team, the coaches and staff for the opportunity. This was particularly exciting for our members as some of them look forward to attending the University of Akron one day.

Saturday, August 20, 2014 our U10-Boys Akron Inner City Tigers traveled to Parma, Ohio to join in the annual cultural celebration and festival with the people of Ukrainian decent. It was a fun afternoon that of course included a friendly match of soccer with the U10-boys soccer team of the Ternopil Soccer Club.



Our U10-Boys Akron Inner City Tigers and U12-Boys Akron Inner City Cobras participated in the Inaugural Diamond Select Soccer Tournament that was held on Saturday and Sunday, October 25 & 26 2014 in Canton, Ohio. Our U10-Boys earned the champion title of their division.



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## **2014 Team Highlights (cont.)**

**Spring of 2014** our U10-Boys Akron Inner City Tsunami were the Champions in The Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association (GAASA) competitive game.

**Spring of 2014** our U14-Boys Akron Inner City Cobras were the Champions in the Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association (GAASA) competitive games.

**Spring 2014** our high school team Akron Inner City Lions was the runner-up at the Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association (GAASA) competitive games.



**Fall of 2014** our U10-Boys Akron Inner City Tigers made the playoffs.

**Fall of 2014** our U13-Boys Akron Inner City Tigers were the champions in the Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association (GAASA) competitive games.

**Off-Season (Winter 2013/2014) Foot Skills** Our players continue to train even in the off-season. Our annual indoor foot skills program was held at The House of the Lord in Akron for 10 weeks and is offered at no cost to the players.



*We welcome individuals or organizations that would like to sponsor a team or give a one-time donation. 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

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Ismali Al-Amine	USA	U9 Boys Akron Inner City Flames
Candice Al-Amine	USA	U9 Boys Akron Inner City Flames
Daniel Owen	USA	U9 Boys Akron Inner City Fire
Clara Blackwell	USA	U9 Girls Akron Inner City Avalanche
Katie Albiero	USA	U9 Girls Akron Inner City Avalanche
Keturahh Hampton	USA	U9 Girls Akron Inner City Avalanche
Andy Boateng	Ghana	U10 Boys Akron Inner City Tsunami
Justin Chenault	USA	U10 Boys Akron Inner City Tsunami
Chidozie Martins	Nigeria	U10 Boys Akron Inner City Tigers
Hope Lane	USA	U10 Girls Akron Inner City Volcanoes
Arianna Luttrell	USA	U10 Girls Akron Inner City Volcanoes
Tremaine Fitzpatrick	USA	U10 Girls Akron Inner City Volcanoes
Edwin Caban	USA	U11 Girls Akron Inner City Sahara
Ryan Hubbard	USA	U13 Boys Akron Inner City Cobras
Takeyna Lindsey	USA	U13 Boys Akron Inner City Cobras
Ike Akpan	Nigeria	U13 Boys Akron Inner City Cobras
Remberto Garcia	Honduras	U13 Boys Akron Inner City Bafana-Bafana
LaMont Jones	USA	U14 Girls Akron Inner City Hurricanes
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