

2023

PACE
POLICE ATHLETICS
FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
OMAHA, NE

Annual Report



About P.A.C.E.

THE MOTIVATION

In the spring of 2005, founder, Antonio (Tony) Espejo, an Omaha Police officer with the Gang Squad, attended a gang symposium in Florida. A break out session featured speaker, Robert Muzikowski, a successful businessman who began an inner-city baseball league in one of the toughest neighborhoods of Chicago. His theory was that if you can get kids to play together at age 11, it is hard for them to shoot each other at age 16.

After returning to Omaha, Tony realized that for every gang member he arrested and removed from the streets, there would be two to three more kids to take their place. Various gangs existed in South Omaha and gang violence was high. Something had to be done at the source of the problem.

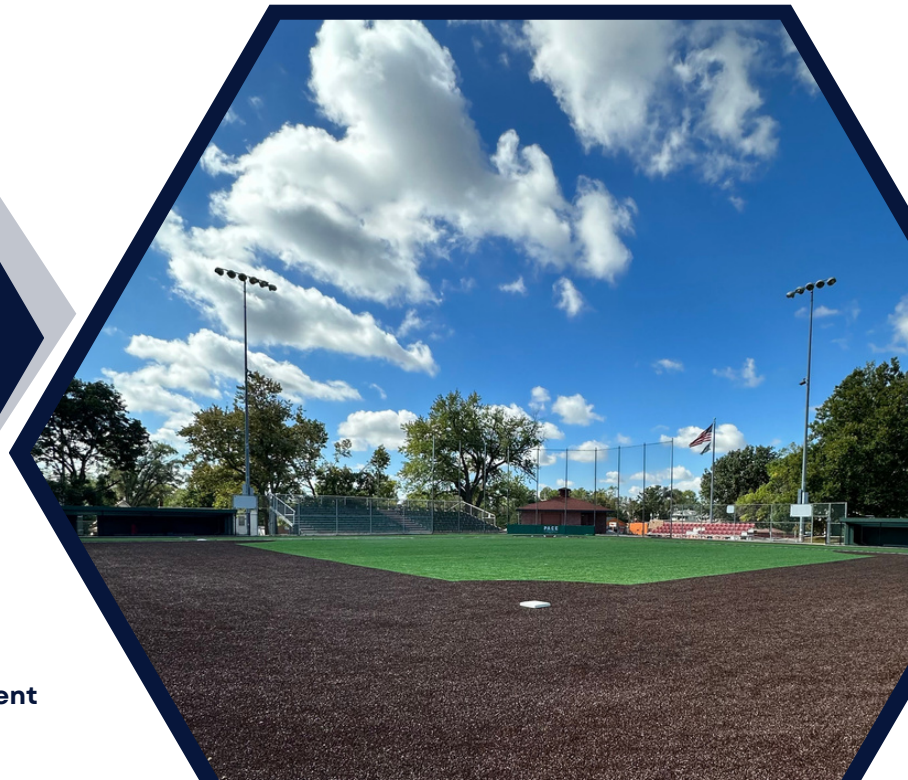
THE IMPLEMENTATION

Police Athletics for Community Engagement specifically targets the percentage of kids whose parents are not going to sign up their child at organizations like the YMCA or the Boys or Girls Club. We recruit that 10% of kids that cannot afford athletics. We seek out those kids and make it easy for them to get involved. For our soccer program, we recruit by neighborhood and try to keep the kids together. Many times the older teams sign up without a coach and an uncle or cousin step in to coach the team. This helps those adults to get engaged and support the league.

We want to create leaders and teach these kids how to get organized in a positive way. The older kids learn to be responsible for their team and teammates. They learn to be punctual, organize their practices, and most importantly lead by example. Many of the older teams have helped coach and organize teams for their little brothers/sisters or their neighborhood.

THE DIFFERENCE

What makes us different than other programs? We don't wait for parents to sign up their children – most will not. We actively go out and find them. You don't have a uniform? Doesn't matter – come play for us. Don't have a coach? Come play for us. Can't afford to play? No worries, we have you covered. All we ask from our kids is to stay out of trouble and give 100%.



From The Founder

Wow, 2023 was an experience. PACE has persevered and, of course, never stopped helping the underserved youth of the Omaha metro. Our loyal family of supporters helped us make sure we served over 2,000 kids with athletic opportunities. Our officers and volunteers stepped up to make sure our kids continued to learn the important life values of Commitment - Consistency - Never give up attitude. Good will always prevail over evil and PACE is ready to be bigger and better in 2024.

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Vision And Mission

Vision

Police Athletics for Community Engagement (P.A.C.E.) is an athletic program city-wide. This endeavor will provide athletics to kids in each section throughout the metro that normally would not participate in organized sports. We hope to build partnerships with organizations throughout the city and help provide affordable athletics. We also want to emphasize the importance of education in athletics, as well as our anti-gang message. Our goal is to build stronger relationships between neighborhoods and the officers that patrol those communities and most importantly help make Omaha a better place to be - one kid at a time.

Mission

At PACE, our mission is to build resiliency, promote confidence, and empower underserved youth through no-cost athletic experiences.



P.A.C.E. By The Numbers

Total Number Served:
2,049+

By Age:

6-8 = 25.26%

9-14 = 60.18%

15-18 = 14.56%

By Sport:

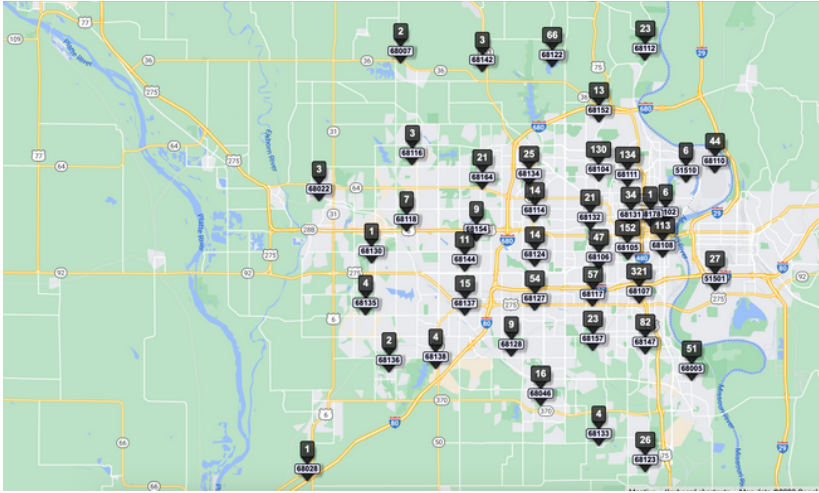
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Flag Football: 218

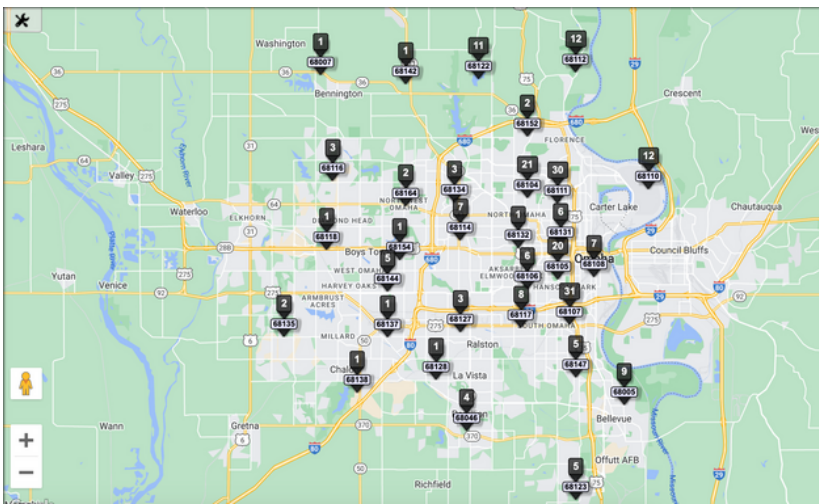
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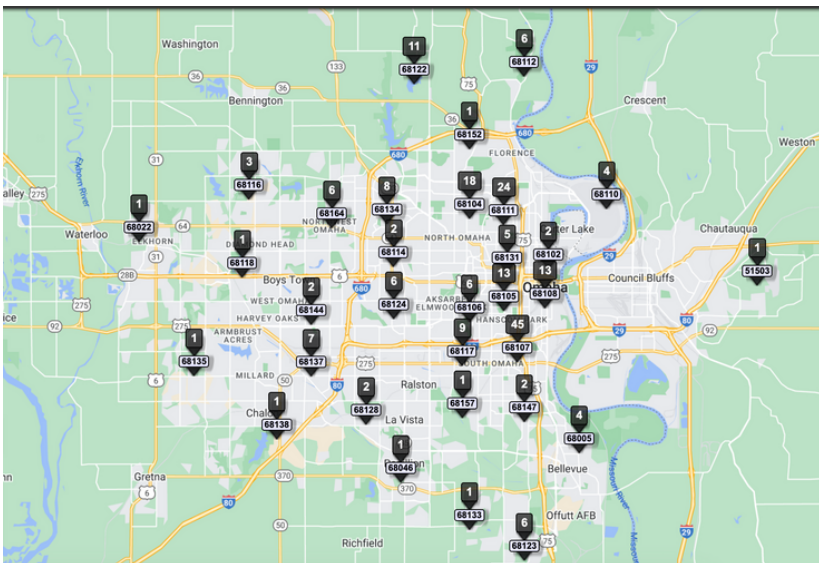
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Soccer



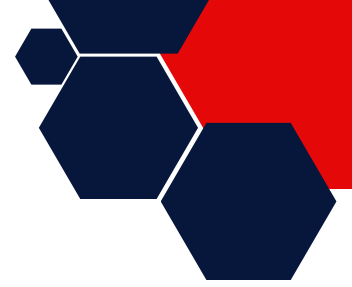
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Football**



Financial Statements



2023 (to 10/31)		
Statement of Activities:		
Support and Revenue:		
Awards and Grants		568,725
Contributions		46,135
Earned Revenue		37,097
Income Total		651,956
Expense:		
Program Services		319,518
Fundraising		1,534
Management & General		92,887
Expense Total		413,939

Statement of Financial Position:		
Assets:		
Current Assets		663,533
Property & Equipment		1,686,500
Assets Total		2,350,033
Liabilities & Net Assets:		
Current Liabilities		-
Net Assets w/o restrictions		2,216,242
Net Assets w/ restrictions		133,791
Liabilities & Net Assets Total		2,350,033



You Can Make A Difference



We would love for you to connect with us, support our mission, and spread the word about the incredible work we do in our community to inspire, progress, and empower kids through sports. Please like our page, follow us, invite others to join our cause, and share our stories. Your support plays a pivotal role in helping others learn about our daily efforts.

Volunteer: Whether you commit to coaching, mentoring, or simply volunteering wherever needed, your time and talent are invaluable to us. We rely on dedicated volunteers like you to accomplish our goals. Join us and make a meaningful difference in the lives of children.

Donate: Your generous donations make a significant impact on the children in our community. Funds raised directly contribute to providing equipment, materials, programs, and operational support for all of our sports initiatives. Together, we can create opportunities and enable growth.

Follow: Witness the transformative power of PACE by following us on social media platforms. Stay connected by using **@paceomaha** on Facebook and Twitter, and **@paceomaha1** on Instagram. See firsthand the positive impact your investment makes on a daily basis.

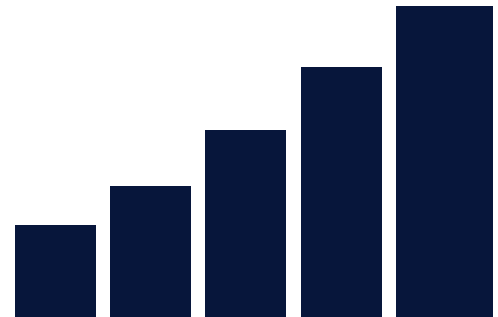
Thank you for being a part of our journey and for helping us create a brighter future for young athletes. Together, we can inspire and uplift the lives of children through the power of sports.



2023 Volunteers

Anna Nelson, Akili Felici, Anne-Marie Kwasnieski, Bernie Venditte, Chris Grummons, Dave Frank, Denise Rieder, Derek Gomez, Devin Mayne, Erica Rivera, Earl Sams, Jeremy Messick, Jeremey Shook, John Martinez, Kaden Chase, Ken Kanger, Larry Boehm, Larry Jacob, Madison Salber, Marissa Brewer, Mellisa Roth, Ray Davis, Terry Coleman, Thomas Nollie, Tom Hallman, Ziana Elkins

Thank you!



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