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Volunteer Coaches

We'd love to have more volunteer coaches come out to help with clinics, games, and outings. If you'd like to volunteer with us, please email us at volunteer@playforlife.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

Summer Baseball



Often when we talk about what we do, people picture a movie where our children strive to overcome some hurdle and then all their problems are solved. And while we hope that is the ending to each of our children's story, the answers are never that simple.

We are wrapping up another successful yet challenging baseball season. This year our kids competed in a new league on the south side of Chicago called the Skyline Baseball League and in the city-wide Inner-City Little League. We did very well in Inner-City league, making it to the regional finals, and fought hard in the Skyline league against tougher competition, including several traveling all-star teams.

This season we saw examples of how our programs are working as well as the continued need for them. A young man named Chris Jones, who played for us several years ago as an 11 and 12 year old, came back as an assistant coach for our 12U team (he is now 14). It was great to see his desire to help the younger kids, including his brother, Kobe, grow both on and off the field. We were also able to take five of our most dedicated players to baseball clinics at Wrigley and U.S. Cellular Field.

At the same time, we had attendance fluctuations throughout the summer, highlighting the challenges that many of the children we serve face in their home life. Sometimes we weren't able to play due to a lack of players (when we started with 25 eligible kids in January), and the remaining kids' frustrations often boiled over. It is a constant battle to remind the kids that they control their own actions but also have responsibilities to their teammates. Lessons like this are the true mission on PFLI, and if we can plant the seed in a child's head that once they have made a commitment they have a responsibility to uphold their end of the bargain, then we have succeeded.

Come Run with Us!

CoreNet presents an 80s-themed fun run on August 19th, 6pm-9pm. All proceeds go to PFLI's programs. Registration is \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. The run includes open bar from 7-10pm and buffet. Register online at chicago.corenetglobal.org. See our [website](#) for more details.

Join Team PFLI - Ready to challenge yourself? There's still time to designate Play for Life International as your charity of choice for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on Oct. 10th. Your fundraising efforts will help us further our mission to engage and empower at-risk kids through the power of sports. Check out our [website](#) for more details.

Thank you for your enduring support!

Thank you

Thank you to Sara Kysley who ran the Chicago Rock n Roll Half Marathon to benefit Play for Life! Sara raised over \$550 for us.

Thank you to our TEAM PFLI runners! If you would like to support them, please click [here](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

More chances to come out and play!

Season Opener Committee - We are about to start planning for our fourth annual fundraiser, the Season Opener. This committee is a great group of creative and energetic individuals, and we could always use more help!

Baseball coaches/umpires - We are always in need of more coaches (preferably with some baseball or softball experience) and are looking for volunteer umpires for the 2011 season. Our 2011 winter clinics begin in January and are held every Saturday through May. We hope you can join us!

To volunteer for any of the activities listed above, please contact us at volunteer@playforlife.org.

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