



Play for Life International Events Committee

Description

Play for Life International (PFLI) is currently looking for qualified and passionate individuals to be a part of our team! PFLI uses sports to engage and empower at-risk youth to uplift, connect and build peace. Through sports, we believe we can change more than a moment, we can change the game. www.playforlife.org

We are looking for individuals who are interested in supporting Play for Life International through event planning.

Events Committee Overview

PLFI holds an annual fundraising event called the Season Opener and several smaller fundraising events throughout the year. We are looking for volunteers to help us expand our outreach through creative and entertaining fundraising events.

Specifically, the events committee will be responsible for:

- Season Opener (April 2012) - Four of Chicago's hottest chefs will face-off in the Best of the Ball Park cooking contest, creating their own twist on ball park fare benefiting Play for Life International (PFLI). Guests will be able to sample each chef's creation. At the end of the night, one chef will be declared the winner of The Best of the Ball Park. But the real winners will be PFLI and the children it serves.
- Fall fundraiser (October/November 2012)
- Volunteer Appreciation Events – tbd
- PFLI Networking Opportunities - tbd

Events Committee Duties

- Support Events Committee chairs in idea generation, planning and execution of PFLI events
- Coordinate with Fundraising committee regarding effective ways to raise more funds during events
- Utilize personal network to solicit potential sponsors, donors, volunteers and attendees
- Lead subcommittees as appropriate
- Event marketing and promotion
- Assist with event set-up/breakdown

Commitments

- A passion for advancing the mission of PFLI
- Availability to attend meetings every other month (smaller groups may meet more frequently closer to an event)
- Opportunity to participate as an Associate Board Member with a 1 year commitment or as a committee volunteer with a 6 month time commitment.
- Contribute with a minimum of 2 hours a month

For further inquiries please check out our website at www.playforlife.org and email at: stacybeattie@gmail.com



Play for Life FAQ's

What's the mission?

Play for Life International uses sports to engage and empower at-risk youth to uplift, connect and build peace. Through sports, we can change more than a moment; we can *change the game*.

What are your main activities or events?

PFLI provides inner city high-risk children, ages 8-18 years old, after-school, league, ten-week and one day programs that combine sports, fitness, healthy eating and life lessons to help them gain confidence in their abilities.

In our baseball program, PFLI works with extremely at-risk youth ages 8-18 years old and trains volunteers to not only focus on the fundamentals of baseball, but also to emphasize our core principles of building character and self-esteem; to foster respect; to encourage healthy lifestyles that include physical activity and healthy eating, and to grow a sense of community. Through this program, we fight the battle of idle time, give the children focus, and teach life lessons the children can take off the field as well.

During the off-season, PFLI organizes weekly in-door baseball clinics.

Our volunteers dedicate over 1,000 hours to our children each year.

How old is the organization?

4 years

Where do you work?

High-risk neighborhoods of Chicago - mainly Englewood and West Englewood

Who do you work with?

We've worked with over 700 kids. Our players grow with the organization, coaching the younger kids and becoming mentors on and off the field.

What is your organization's annual value of services provided to your clients?

You can't put a monetary value on what PFLI provides our kids. We're not just battling idle time and giving our kids a safe place to play - we're helping our kids become more accountable, treat others with respect, and develop a sense of community. Our kids grow within the organization, coaching the younger kids and becoming mentors – on and off the field.

What are your organization's core values?

- To build character and self-esteem
- To foster respect
- To encourage healthy lifestyles that includes physical activity and healthy eating
- To grow a sense of community

What are PFLI's accomplishments?

- We serve over 700 children each year
- We give children a safe place to play while fighting the battle of idle time
- Our volunteers dedicate over 1,000 hours to our children each year