



“UNITED COMMUNITIES SCORE GOALS!”
2018/2019 ANNUAL REPORT

“THANK YOU!”



Iri Sunj, RN
President

Dear VTP Supporters,

Welcome and THANK YOU! What a phenomenal 2018/19 season it has been. We are many wonderful friends richer here at “VTP Family”, our official chant! All made possible by numerous partnerships allowing us to establish our program for kids and their families to enjoy. Special “THANK YOU” goes out to all families sharing their loved ones with us, in fact, a collective ~2300 volunteer hours. AMAZING!

I hope this annual report sheds light what our volunteer directors and staff get to experience every week. These deserving kids soak in their Vermont Patriots experience through which we have seen tremendous growth in skill and character. Kids are amazing when provided with the right opportunities. Enjoy this review.

Sincerely,




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Special Thank You goes out to the City of Winooski, The George W. Mergens Foundation and JV Embroidery for recognizing the potential and value of the program and substantially supporting this very local organization bringing joy to so many young community members, faces with huge smiles and incredible enthusiasm.

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“OUR ORGANIZATIONAL FOUNDATION”

ONE HEART, ONE MIND

Vermont Patriots Integrative Soccer Academy is a local non-profit with the home field at Landry Park in Winooski, VT. We strive to provide accessible, integrative, and educational team sport participation opportunities to young members of our community inclusive of all cultural backgrounds, financial, or life circumstances.

OFF THE STREETS, AND ONTO THE FIELDS

We see our club as more than soccer or sports. It is an ecosystem, a framework, a stage to integrate and educate, guide and foster, and grow all participants into well-adjusted, resilient, and productive community members.



BREAKING PAY TO PLAY

Time has come to break the “pay to play” barrier that keeps many young players from participating in quality and professional environments. We will do our part to balance and level the access to all young community members. We strongly believe that one’s participation be based on work ethic, positive attitude, focus and commitment, rather than what the parents are able to

MINDFUL COMMUNITY

Our purpose seeks to develop character with integrity, respect, confidence, compassion, ambition, and perseverance. The goal of our young participants is to become better versions of themselves, hence enable youngsters to play well, and make even better choices in life.

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“Inspiring feedback”

“I want to let you know that Cavan was so sad to miss soccer last week because he was sick...he’s been counting down the days until practice tomorrow and woke up today and said soccer is tomorrow...He said the other day that soccer is the best part of his life! Thanks for filling his life with positivity and giving him something to be passionate about!” -Julia

“I’ve been meaning to tell you all how much we appreciate everything you are doing. This is a really special program and so much of that is the dedication of the coaches. We’ve done all different types of programs with our kids both here in Burlington and also in Boston when we lived there, and what you all are doing is really special. You set a warm, caring tone, but also have expectations, and it’s just so perfect for kids this age. We truly applaud and appreciate you.” -Liz

“I am very impressed with the coaches. While taking time to teach the kids the basics, they also made it fun! All kids were smiling and laughing and my son can’t wait until his next practice!” -Troy

“You are doing a great job and I can’t tell you how much it means to me to have access to such positive, encouraging, inclusive, thoughtful, intentional and effective sports program for my kids.” -Scott

Aubrey hasn’t stopped talking about how much fun she had today. Not only did you and the coaches make soccer fun for kids but you also made it informative in an age appropriate way. I look forward to the rest of the sessions this month. I would love to see Aubrey continue on with a program like this. Job well done!!” -Tabitha F.

“The practice today was fantastic. My kids had a great time. I could not believe that many little kids paid attention and stayed focused for over 90 minutes. It was very well organized, disciplined and upbeat. I really appreciated how you addressed the kids as you would a group of adults telling them the backstory of the relationship between coaches and holding them to high standards. We are already looking forward to next week.

Thank you for sharing your passion and fun with Winooski!” -Charlotte

“Our first experience in an organized sport couldn’t be more positive. The team of coaches have great drills, lots of games to make learning fun for the kids & vast experience playing & coaching. Soccer practice is fun for kids & parents alike.” -Laura S.

“Thank you guys so much. Practice was amazing. Julian has never been so happy playing soccer, and it’s all because of you guys. Your energy on the field, your attention to each and every one of them, your grace, humor and positivity was incredible. He can’t wait to go back, so we will be waiting eagerly for your e-mail.” Alexis

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VTP SUMMARY FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON

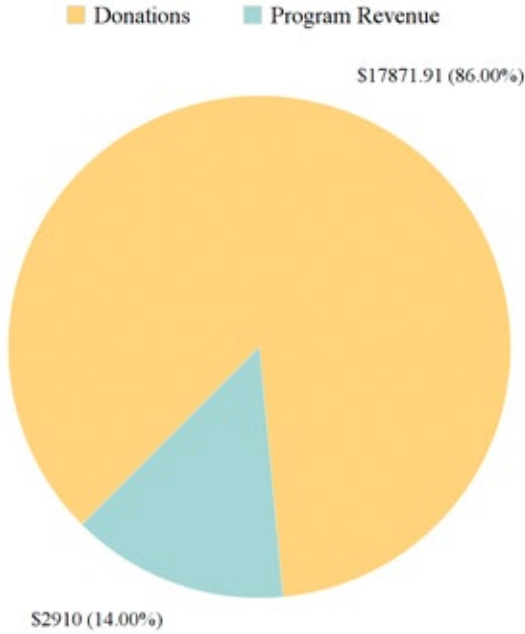
- Serving 84 kids on a weekly basis, ages 4 to 12
- Most of our young athletes have never played soccer before
- Organized soccer completely unattainable for most of our families, making VTP the only affordable outlet
- Outdoor and indoor season offered
- Families are from Chittenden County and beyond
- U10 team historic first season in VSL
- Friendlies and support/respect from other local clubs
- Raised \$20781.91
- Expenses \$15,213.57
- 8 permanent and 4 temporary volunteers combining for 2300 volunteer hours.
- Zero compensation for directors and coaches.
- Attended events through Safe Kids VT and organized Street Soccer for Open Streets BTV event through Burlington parks and Recreations
- Community Project: Shed at Landry Park



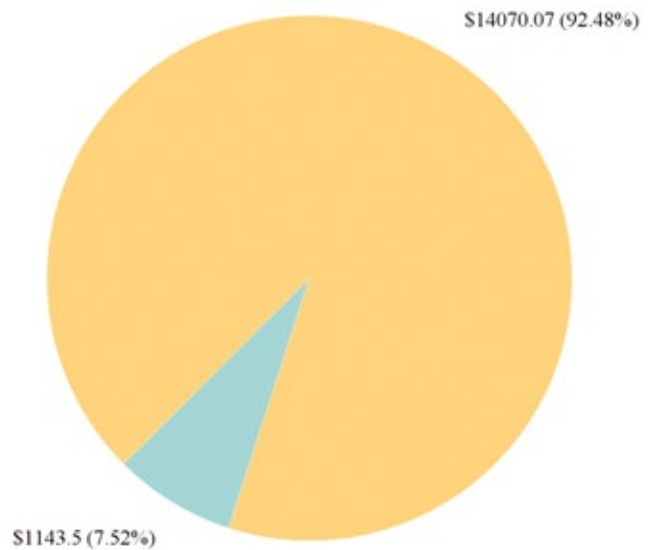
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VTP BY THE NUMBERS

Our various partnerships allow us to offer a low flat fee for the entire family. \$50 per year attendance fee allows us to minimize the access barrier for all families in our communities. The first year has been a great success.



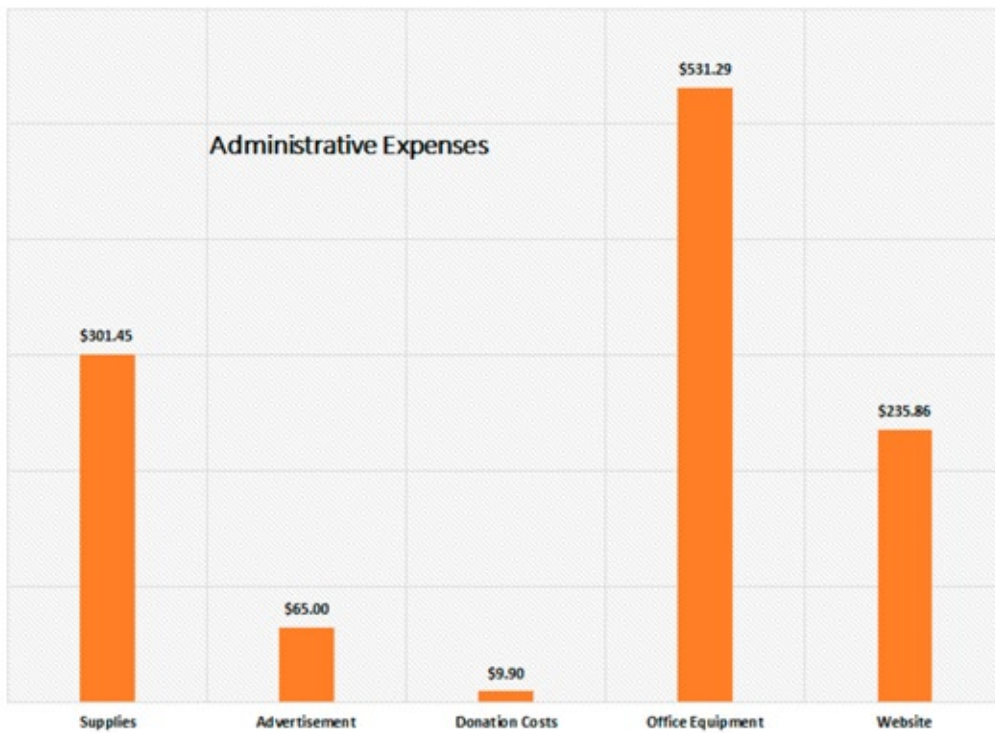
Sporting Expenses Administrative Expenses



We try to be very savvy how we apply the funds, and try to reduce unnecessary administrative cost, hence minimal amounts actually going towards such cost. This allows us to do fun things with kids and build even greater cohesion and supportive friendships. Biggest expenses remain league fees, jerseys, and indoor space.

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DETAILED EXPENSES 2018/2019



Memo: We do not anticipate any office equipment expenses in 2019/2020 season



Memo: We do not anticipate any building supplies or contractor expenses in 2019/2020. Our equipment expenses will be lower, however our league/tournament fees, indoor space will be more due to demand. Furthermore, VTP would benefit from an administrative assistant and paid coaching positions to advance our mission.

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OUR DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS



THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES FOR SHARING THEIR LOVED ONES WITH OUR VTP FAMILY. WE UNDERSTAND HOW VALUABLE TIME IS AND HOW FINE OF A BALANCING ACT IT IS TO VOLUNTEER SUCH. IN FACT IT WAS ~2300 VOLUNTEER HOURS.



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SPECIAL THANKS TO
BALKANS CUSTOM MASONRY

Our home at Landry Park was in dire need of a storage solution for the Vermont Patriots and Winooski programs. We then decided to leave a piece of legacy and built a beautiful shed for us and the city programs to enjoy. Special thanks goes out to Samir, owner of Balkans Custom Masonry, for volunteering his expertise to see this project come to completion. Having the storage right at the field has alleviated many logistical pressure points for our volunteer coaching crew!



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“OUTLOOK”

The demand for Vermont Patriots Soccer is overwhelming. The need for an affordable, organized, and healthy sports activity for youth is immense. We hope to expand in three key areas: greater outreach to underserved communities, off the field educational opportunities and programs, and additional age groups. We have laid a great foundation in our first year, yet lots of work remains to be done. As we build this club into a mainstay of our community, Vermont Patriots hope that we will have your support again. Whether through financial donations, sponsorships, indoor and outdoor safe playing spaces, referrals, volunteering, and more, it certainly takes a village.

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