



“UNITED COMMUNITIES SCORE GOALS!”
2019/2020 ANNUAL REPORT

“IT TAKES A VILLAGE!”



Iri Sunj, RN
President



Dear VTP Supporters,

The Vermont Patriots is an incredible story of a wonderful community. Please allow Aldin and the directors to introduce you to some of our friends and their families and to tell you our story with this illustrated annual report. We hope you enjoy our message and feel the passion this special community has.

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President

Aldin, 7



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Without the support from our partners this program would not be possible. Many kids like Joyal would not play organized sports and enjoy all the positive externalities team sports have to offer.



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We are the future.

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Winooski has heart! The City has been our partner since day one. This wonderful, diverse community is one of the most fundamental partnerships of our organization. Our interests align and synergize well. The city does not have the capacity, but has the need for programs and outreach such as ours.

The benefits of this partnership for the Vermont Patriots services are existential. At the core of this program is the cross-utilization of existing infrastructure for program delivery, and without the help from the City in terms of field space it would be exceedingly difficult, especially during these initial stages of our organization.

As our program grows and develops a stronger outreach into the community, this partnership will continue to be foundational. The partnership and goals have been established, and this relationship will cure well over time.

The Winooski School District is naturally one of the optimal partners for the Vermont Patriots. We serve the same population and have the same aspirations for the kids. Since VTP is supported through and is fostering similar pillars of childhood development, this partnership, and moreover our presence at school grounds engages kids and supports the school's mission and vision.

Currently our directors have solid connections with the school system and we have verbally agreed to utilize school infrastructure for our program delivery. As this partnership grows, it will be beneficial to have a school representative at the VTP table who can connect and deliver messages and outreach. WSD is the connecting fabric of community and its resources, including VTP. We feel it is a start to a wonderful partnership from which all kids can benefit.



Julian, 11

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Healthy Body

We go beyond soccer and educate kids about healthy living.

Olivia, 9

Water – The Official Drink of the Vermont Patriots

Healthy Nutrition

Rest & Sleep

Concussion awareness

Public Health

Recovery

Dental Health

Injury Prevention

Flexibility & Strength

Healthy Skin

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Healthy Mind

Vermont Patriots as an organization goes beyond soccer. We believe that sports have an immense benefit for healthy childhood development. We puzzle our approach through various guiding principles and organizations, including:

- ★ **Youth Thrive** – Support through mentoring and empowerment, to try and be your true self.
- ★ **ZERO Bullying Tolerance** – US Youth Soccer and Vermont Soccer Association principles adopting zero bullying policy.
- ★ **Supportive and family-oriented environment**
Safety of the family is crucial for development and fun. Families are always welcome on our sidelines.
- ★ **EQUAL GAME** – UEFA Respect campaign advocating that, “Everyone should be able to enjoy soccer. No matter who you are, where you’re from or how you play. That’s Equal Game.”
- ★ **All are welcome** – “This symbol means to spread love and peace, and to embrace everyone without prejudice against one’s background.”
- ★ **Integration of kids with disabilities** – we are inching forward to form partnerships to integrate kids with disabilities within our program.
- ★ **No-tryouts, with focus on talent development** – Giving kids a chance to try, be part of, fail and succeed in a fostering environment.

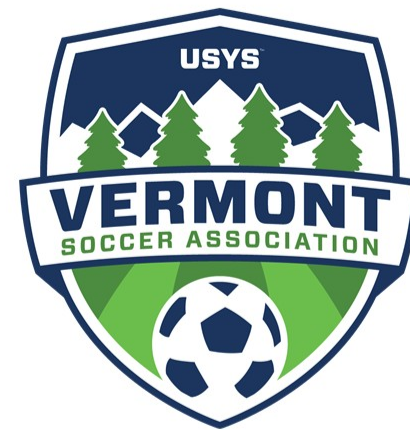


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ON THE FIELD EXCELLENCE

Vermont Patriots envision on the field excellence, while keeping the cost attainable for any family. Great practices, professionalism, goals, expectations, and tireless work ethic are some of the aspects of our culture. We are governed and guided by the laws of the US Soccer Federation (USSF) and the Vermont Soccer Association (VSA).



Andrew, 9

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Hattie, 8

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SUBSTANCE FREE

- ★ **Icelandic Model for Prevention** – At the core of our substance free stands this concept of replacing unhealthy highs with a productive activity for young community members. We seek to engage and educate the entire community, be part of the school system as the natural hub for success, and give kids the education, role-modeling, and a healthy outlet.
- ★ **Youth Thrive** - Positive role modeling, community presence and support.
- ★ **United Communities Score Goals** – This is our own slogan and strong belief that it takes a village to raise our kids. United communities, which may include our partners, coaches, parents, town officials, school system, and many others certainly do a better job co-parenting.

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“VTP BY THE NUMBERS”

Sam, 9

Landon, 10

Anne, 8



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"VTP BY THE NUMBERS"

Summer 2019 (off season):
Average attendance 15 to 20 kids during casual pick-up soccer at Winooski High School

Fall 2019
"Tiny Ones" Under 5 years of age: 18 kids
Under 6: 34 kids
Under 8: 23 kids
Under 10: 14 kids
Under 12: 13 kids
Total Kids: 102 + one praying mantis

Winter 2020:
Started with 54 kids, then suspended due to COVID-19

Spring 2020 cancelled due to COVID-19

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"VTP BY THE NUMBERS"

2019/2020 Season	
Summary Balance Sheet	
Expenses	
Sporting	\$ (24,571.41)
Administrative	\$ (2,791.00)
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$ (27,362.41)</u>
Income	
Donations	\$ 32,194.91
Revenue Program	\$ -
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 32,194.91</u>
<u>2019/2020 Balance</u>	<u>\$ 4,832.50</u>

Our partnership with the City of Winooski is flourishing. We formed a hybrid set of rules to benefit the most kids within our community. The program revenue is collected by the City of Winooski.



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THE PATCH OF PASSION

We worked with the city to convert a part of the park into our "Patch of Passion" right at Landry Park. This space is also utilized by residents seeking a good small sided game. One of the long-term goals will be to have a field of our own.

"You may say I am a dreamer, but I am not the only one." Lennon



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We partnered with ECHO to bring our VTP families to the ECHO for a day of SOCCER and SCIENCE. It was a fun day filled with learning, friendships and community building.



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“FRIENDSHIPS AND FUN WITH HALLOWEEN SOCCER”



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We could write about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but Margot is a lot cuter, thus you get Margot.



Margot, 6

OUTLOOK

Addie, 8

Our Board of Directors is growing in size and influence. Our collective enthusiasm and vision for our community club is clear. We continue to see high engagement and continuity with our VTP families. The demand for affordable, well-organized programs is overwhelming and we believe that such demand will be even higher post-pandemic.

The City Of Winooski and Winooski School District see and feel the potential of our VTP Family and impact on young community members. Our next moves are to fortify those relationships, share infrastructure, and serve the community together. Winooski has heart, and we are right where we need to be!

Furthermore, our strategic plan aims to gain board members and partnerships that are also affiliated with the Association of Africans Living in Vermont, Winooski Partnership for Prevention, Refugee Resettlement Program, Vermont Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Program, UVM Children's Hospital and Pediatrics, and the Vermont Department of Health.

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