The mission of the U.S. Soccer Foundation is to enhance, assist and grow the sport of soccer in the United States, with a special emphasis on underserved communities. The Foundation is a leader in sports-based youth development and is using soccer as a vehicle for social change.

By supporting the development of places to play, places to grow and places to learn, our goal is to ensure that children in underserved communities have easy and affordable access to quality soccer programs that support their physical and personal development. Since our inception, we have impacted more than 13 million individuals within 600+ organizations.

**Our Programs**

*Soccer for Success* is the U.S. Soccer Foundation’s innovative youth development program that uses soccer as a tool to combat childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles for children in underserved communities. The Foundation partners with community-based organizations across the country to operate *Soccer for Success* sites – providing thousands of children in grades K-8 with free afterschool programming. To date, we have served 55,000+ children through *Soccer for Success*.

The U.S. Soccer Foundation’s *Safe Places to Play* program helps ensure that children in underserved communities have a safe and accessible place by providing grants to organizations to help them build or enhance field spaces in their community. To date, we have helped create or enhance over 1,100 safe places to play for children nationwide.

Since 2002, the U.S. Soccer Foundation’s *Passback* program has collected and redistributed over 930,000 pieces of soccer equipment to children in underserved communities around the world. Thanks to dedicated individuals, soccer clubs, and organizations that collect and donate soccer equipment, *Passback* is able to bring the game of soccer to children who love the sport, but don’t have the resources to play.