PUT ME IN!



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Mission & Values



Put Me In! provides committed recurring financial aid grants to CIPS to support their participation in athletics. Annual grants begin while a CIP is in middle school, and our support continues through high school. Our financial aid helps cover the costs of equipment and registration fees.

MISSION

Our mission is to increase access to sports for children of incarcerated parents.

COMMUNITY

We accomplish this through our amazing community of nonprofit partners, PMI! ambassadors, and advocates like you!



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A Message from Our President





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President and Chief Program Officer

Dear Supporters & Partners,

I am delighted to present the 2023 Put Me In! Impact Report, showcasing our remarkable achievements. This year, we have significantly increased the number of children of incarcerated parents (CIPs) participating in sports, improving their physical health, fitness levels, and overall well-being.

Athletics have provided a positive outlet for stress and anxiety, enhancing mental health and self-esteem. We have fostered a sense of community among CIPs, reducing isolation and developing valuable life skills like teamwork, leadership, and perseverance. Our efforts promote lifelong engagement with physical activity and generate positive societal impacts,.

Our program's impact is best illustrated by the voices of those we serve. One parent shared, "Put Me In! has opened a world of possibilities for my son. He's learning about commitment, teamwork, and leadership." Another noted, "After my child's father was incarcerated, I saw a shift in her demeanor. But getting involved in volleyball turned that around. This program has reignited her spark."

Our community-building efforts included a memorable Field Day at Stanford University and impactful events in Chicago and Kansas, demonstrating our capacity for rapid program expansion.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we are making a profound difference in the lives of children of incarcerated parents, creating opportunities that extend far beyond the sports field.

Our Team



Robyn Glaser

Co-Founder & Executive Chairman

Robyn Glaser is a Senior Vice President at the Kraft Group, managing various business projects, strategic initiatives, and operational functions for the New England Patriots. She also serves as a business advisor to start-ups, civic leader in Boston, and co-founder of Put Me In! and Board member of Empowerment Plan.



Matt Blodgett

Co-Founder & Executive Director

Matt Blodgett is a technology investor and entrepreneur. He cofounded Put Me In! based on his lived experience as a CIP growing up in Minnesota.



Alyssa Tamboura

Board Member

Alyssa Tamboura, an advocate for system-impacted families, founded Walls to Bridges, a restorative justice dialogue program for incarcerated individuals and their families. She currently chairs the Bay Area Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership and is a third-year law student at Yale Law



Timothy Dibble

Board Member

Timothy Dibble is a General Partner at Alta Equity Partners with prior experience at the Bank of Boston. He serves on multiple boards, including Year Up and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Mass, and is a past Chairman of the Board of Shining Hope for Communities. Tim has seen firsthand the benefits of youth sports through his children.



Ken Gawrelski

Board Member

Ken Gawrelski is an investor in entertainment, communications, and technology at Wells Fargo, with over 15 years of experience investing primarily in public markets. He holds an Economics degree from Yale University and an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and has played team sports since age 4.



Program Outcomes

INCREASED ACCESS TO SPORTS

Significantly elevate the number of Children of Incarcerated Parents (CIPs) participating in athletic programs, reducing barriers such as cost and equipment availability.

IMPROVED PHYSICAL HEALTH

Through consistent athletic participation, expect a notable improvement in the physical health, fitness levels, and overall well-being of CIPs.

ENHANCED PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING

Athletics can provide a positive outlet for stress and anxiety, improving the mental health and self-esteem of CIPs.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Leverage the discipline and focus learned through sports to enhance academic performance, aiming for higher school attendance rates and improved grades among participants.

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SOCIAL INTEGRATION

Foster a sense of belonging and community among CIPs, reducing feelings of isolation by integrating them into team sports and peer groups.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Beyond athletic prowess, participants will develop valuable life skills including teamwork, leadership, and perseverance.

LONG-TERM ATHLETIC ENGAGEMENT

Encourage a lifelong engagement with physical activity, setting the foundation for healthy habits that extend into adulthood.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Generate positive societal impacts by reducing juvenile delinquency rates and promoting a culture of inclusivity and support for CIPs.

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Voices from the Field



"Before Put Me In!, my conversations with my son often revolved around what was missing in our lives. Now, we talk about his dreams, his next game, and how he can improve. This program has not just filled a gap; it has opened a world of possibilities. He's learning about commitment, teamwork, and leadership. It's a gift that extends well beyond the sports field."



"Seeing my daughter take the field, her face lighting up with determination, was a moment I'll never forget."



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Financial Highlights



2023 FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN





\$389,000

In Financial Aid Committed since 2021

\$312,000

Funds raised in 2023



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!















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Community Building

Field Day at Stanford

This fall, "Put Me In!" had the pleasure of hosting a memorable Field Day at Stanford University for seven of our Bay Area families. The event, masterfully organized by volunteer Nic Olivera, a former Olympic swimmer, offered our families a unique blend of education, sports, and community. The day's activities included an inspiring tour of Stanford's prestigious campus, engaging games, a refreshing swimming session, and a communal pizza lunch.

The heart of the event was the powerful connections formed. For the children, it was an opportunity not just to explore one of the world's leading universities but to bond with peers who share similar life experiences. Equally vital were the connections forged among the caregivers. In a journey often marked by isolation, this gathering was a beacon of solidarity and support, allowing them to share experiences and foster lasting relationships.

Expanding Horizons in Kansas

Our summer visit to Kansas marked a significant milestone for Put Me In! through the initiation of a pioneering partnership with the Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF). This collaboration is a testament to our capacity for rapid program expansion nationwide, demonstrating our innovative approach to directly partnering with prisons for referrals of children of incarcerated parents (CIPs).

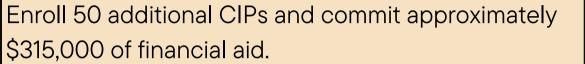
Chicago: Fighting for Futures

The Chicago leg of our trip was equally impactful, centered around the Fighting for Futures event hosted by the Evergreen Foundation. This gathering was not just a fundraising event but a significant opportunity to engage with the local community and share our mission. We are immensely grateful to the Evergreen Foundation for their support and for creating a platform that benefits children in the Chicago area. Thanks to the event's success, we are thrilled to announce the enrollment of five children from Chicago into our program in 2024.

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2024 Program Goals

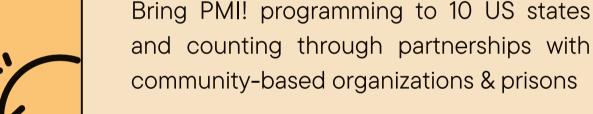
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EXPAND TO 10+ STATES



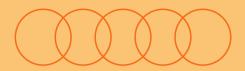


RAISE \$450,000

To achieve our program goals and to commit financial aid to additional PMI! athletes, we will be hiring a new head of development.



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Snaps from the Field





