



**BOSTON
SCORES**

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ANNUAL REPORT

A Letter From Our Board

Dear Boston Scores Community,

The 2023-24 school year was a testament to what we can accomplish by building together. Together with our students, school and community partners, staff, and supporters like you, we have expanded our reach and impact in meaningful ways. From new school and neighborhood programs to the opening of our field complex, this year has been about creating spaces and opportunities that empower our student-athletes to thrive.

Building together means more than just constructing physical spaces. Boston Scores is committed to ensuring that youth have access to the sport of soccer and the opportunity to achieve their full potential. By pairing soccer with academic support, we are not only opening the door to participation, but also equipping our students with the tools to succeed in the classroom and beyond.

We are on track to serve 3,000 youth annually by 2026, a goal reflecting the growing interest in soccer and the power of this community coming together. With the FIFA Men's World Cup and an NWSL team returning to Boston, it is an inspiring time to unite around our shared vision and build even more opportunities for our students.

Thank you for being part of this work. Your support helps us build a stronger, more inclusive future – together.

Sincerely,



John Maconga
Executive Director

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Mission

To inspire youth to lead healthy lives, be engaged students and have the confidence and character to make a difference in the world.

Vision

Boston Scores envisions a world where all youth feel a sense of belonging and achieve their full potential.

Strong Body. Strong Mind. Strong Me.



About Boston Scores

Boston Scores is one of the largest afterschool youth development programs in Boston, providing free soccer, poetry and service learning programs to over 2,000 students in grades K-12 each year. Through a holistic program model, Boston Scores supports youth in developing essential life skills that help to build strong individuals and strong communities.

Our Objectives

- Foster students' social-emotional skills through team-based programs and coaching
- Improve student health and well-being
- Boost student academic engagement through positive experiences at school
- Promote civic leadership through service-learning opportunities
- Support student college and career readiness

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- Richard J. Murphy K-8 School
- Thomas J. Edison K-8 School

History



Boston Scores was launched in 1999 as the first regional affiliate of the America SCORES network, a legacy program of the 1994 World Cup. America SCORES was founded in 1994 in Washington, D.C. by public school teacher Julie Kennedy to improve student health through soccer and academic engagement through poetry. Today, the America SCORES network includes 13 affiliates across the United States and Canada and collectively serves more than 20,000 students each year.

After initially launching as a program for elementary girls, our programs have grown to include boys and girls teams and have expanded to include middle and high school. Our traditional program model has been school-based, where we partner with local schools and provide programs at school sites. With the summer 2024 opening of our new field in East Boston, we have also expanded to provide community-based programs.



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on the canvas green
youth paint verses of their dreams
poets in motion



Program Partners



Program Overview



Elementary Soccer & Poetry

- At our elementary program sites, students in grades 4-6 take part in weekly soccer practices guided by the US Soccer Foundation's Soccer for Success curriculum.
- Teams also have weekly game days against other Scores teams throughout the city, plus the Supercopa tournament at the end of the spring season.
- In the fall season, students learn how to read, interpret, write and perform poetry through our Power of Poetry curriculum. This culminates with team-based performances at our annual fall Poetry Slam.
- In the spring season, students engage in our Writing for the Community curriculum that focuses on the power of words to create change in their community. Projects included a beach clean up day, handing out Mother's Day cards, gathering supplies for kids in the hospital and more.



Middle School Soccer & Service Learning

- At our middle school sites, students in grades 6-8 take part in weekly soccer practices guided by the US Soccer Foundation's Soccer for Success curriculum.
- Teams also have weekly game days against other Scores teams throughout the city, plus The Pitch tournament at the end of the fall season and the Supercopa tournament at the end of the spring season.
- Through our social entrepreneurship program, students enhance their awareness of social issues in the community and ways they can create change. Students present projects at The Pitch tournament in the fall and request start up capital. Projects all include repaying their loan and donating proceeds to a local nonprofit of choice. At the Supercopa tournament in the spring, students present on the outcomes and impact of their project.

High School Soccer & College / Career Support

- Our high school program operates on a city-wide basis in partnership with Soccer Unity Project (formerly South End Soccer). Students in grades 9-12 take part in weekly soccer practices and game days while also receiving college and career support and mentoring.
- During the spring season, students play in the Boston Area Youth Soccer (BAYS) League. This league provides competitive club play for all skill levels. With the opening of our new field, we were also able to provide our high school students with opportunities to play and train during the summer.
- Students develop skills like setting and working towards goals as well as opportunities to explore post-secondary options. Coach-Mentors emphasize personal growth just as much as technical skill gains.

Program Highlights

In 2023-24, we reached **2,450 students** in total!



For our school-based programs, we worked with **20 partner schools** across the city to serve **1,385 students:**

Junior Scores: **59** High school: **127**
Elementary: **714** Summer Programs: **241**
Middle: **244**

We continue to work toward parity in our participation rates for girls:

61% Male

38% Female

1% Nonbinary or prefer not to answer

Programs are **100% FREE** for students and families

Impact Numbers

83% of elementary and middle school students increased their aerobic capacity (PACER test)

100% of our high school seniors graduated on time



In summer 2024, we had the opportunity to send 6 high school students and one recent alum to France to attend Festival 24. Through an ongoing partnership with Sport dans la Ville, our students joined 500 youth from 36 other countries to celebrate the values of sport as part of the Paris Olympics 2024 Legacy program.

Student Quotes

"Going to Festival 24 in France was one of the best experiences ever. I got to meet so many awesome people from all over and learn about their different cultures. It really opened my eyes to how diverse and beautiful the world is."
- Gigi

"The friends I made come from all over the world and they speak many different languages. Without this Festival, I don't think it would have been possible for me to meet them. Although we are now spread throughout the world, I know that we will remain connected through both our messages and our love for sports."
- Noah

Special Events

Celebration



Our annual fundraising gala brings our supporters together. We were pleased to present our Changemaker Award to the NWSL Boston ownership group for their work to bring professional women's soccer back to Boston!



Scores Cup



In partnership with the New England Revolution, our charity tournament takes place at Gillette Stadium each summer. This incredible event is our largest fundraiser of the year, fueled by our corporate partner employees' love of the beautiful game and desire to pay it forward to the next generation of scholar-athletes.

Ribbon Cutting

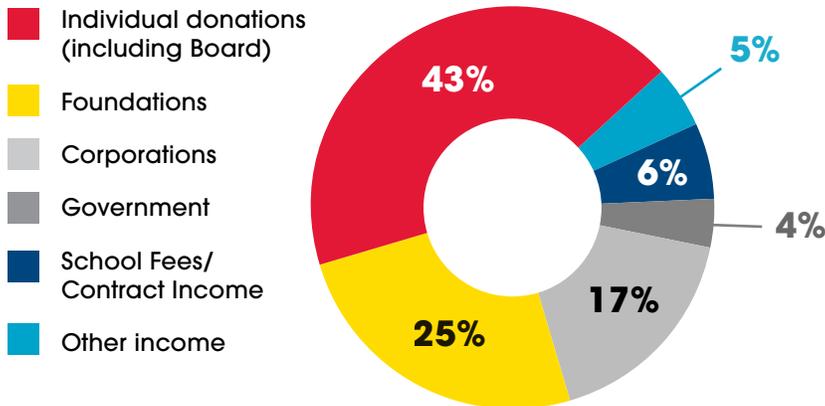


In summer 2024, we held our official ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Boston Scores Field at Salesian Heights! The new space has already become a hub within the community, allowing us to offer community-based programs.



Financials

Sources of Income



Financials are unaudited at the time of printing of this report.

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