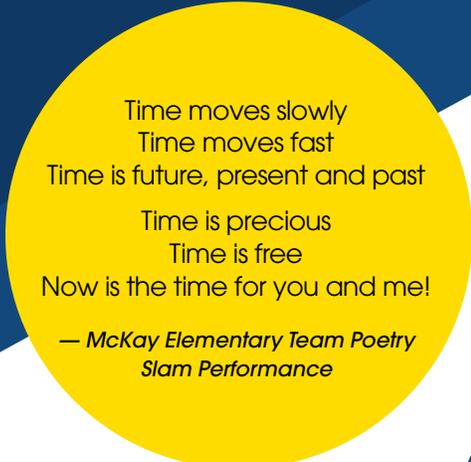




**BOSTON  
SCORES**

**2023**

**ANNUAL REPORT**



Time moves slowly  
 Time moves fast  
 Time is future, present and past  
  
 Time is precious  
 Time is free  
 Now is the time for you and me!

— McKay Elementary Team Poetry  
 Slam Performance



# A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD

During our 25th anniversary year, time has been a recurring theme within our programs and events. As we celebrate 25 years of amplifying the voices, spirits and ambitions of thousands of Boston Public School students, it’s been powerful to reflect on our past, present and future. From our beginnings in 1999 working with six elementary schools, we have grown to provide free programs to nearly 1,500 elementary, middle and high school students each year.

Over the years, we have seen our students and alumni become confident leaders who are working hard to achieve their goals. We have seen dedicated coaches who have positively impacted hundreds of students by

Sincerely,

**John Maconga**  
 Executive Director

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**Chris Pike**  
 Board Co-Chair

creating spaces of belonging and joy. In this report, we will spotlight some of the incredible individuals who make up the Boston Scores community.

Our community is poised for great things in the next 25 years as we build our new soccer and education complex in East Boston, develop our Coach-Mentor Training Institute and expand our programs across the city. Our goal is to serve 3,000 youth each year by 2026, the same year that the Men’s World Cup and an NWSL team return to Boston.

Thank you for supporting Boston Scores and for belonging to this incredible community.

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## Mission

To empower urban youth in building essential life skills and character through soccer and team-based enrichment programs

## 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 was founded to address the opportunity gap faced by urban youth in Boston. We achieve our mission by delivering our unique afterschool and summer programs that combine soccer, enrichment and service learning. We serve youth living in Boston, and 95% of our students are people of color, 50% speak a language other than English at home, and two-thirds live in economically disadvantaged households.

## 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

# HISTORY

## Boston Scores was launched in 1999

as the first regional affiliate of the America SCORES network and as a legacy program of the 1994 World Cup. America Scores was created in 1994 in Washington DC by public school teacher Julie Kennedy to improve student health through soccer and academic engagement through poetry.

Boston Scores was a pioneer in the local afterschool scene as one of the first providers to serve Boston Public School students directly at their school sites. Emphasizing whole child development, Scores has continued to refine its program model of combining soccer and enrichment programming over the past 25 years.

**2001**

Forged our first partnership with the Boston Breakers of the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA)

**2006**

Expanded programs to serve middle schools

**2012**

Added the One Hen social entrepreneurship curriculum with our middle school sites

**1999**

Launched with programs at 6 elementary school sites in Dorchester, East Boston & Roxbury

★ **May 27, 1999**

Official incorporation date

**2005**

Held first Scores Cup corporate charity soccer tournament at Nickerson Field



**2008**

Merged with Anne Strong's CityKicks girls soccer program



## 2015

Expanded high school programs through a partnership with South End Soccer

## 2017

Boston Scores and South End Soccer's joint Boys U-18 team wins Massachusetts Tournament of Champions

## 2022

Broke ground on a new East Boston headquarters and community soccer park in partnership with Salesian Boys & Girls Club

## 2016

Merged with One Hen social entrepreneurship program

## 2018

Piloted Junior Scores program for students in grades K-2

## 2013

Became an official partner of the US Soccer Foundation



## 2024 (Summer)

We will open our new soccer and education complex in East Boston!

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## Elementary Soccer & Poetry



- At our elementary program sites, students in grades 4-6 take part in weekly soccer practices, soccer game days and our Power of Poetry enrichment program.
- All age groups engage with the US Soccer Foundation's Soccer for Success curriculum, which focuses on physical activity, social-emotional skill development and mentorship. On game days, teams play other Scores teams throughout the city, and elementary teams take part in 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. Teams present their service projects and outcomes at the Supercopa tournament at the end of the spring season.

## Middle School Soccer & Service Learning



- At our middle school sites, students in grades 6-8 take part in weekly soccer practices, soccer game days and our One Hen social entrepreneurship program.
- All age groups engage with the US Soccer Foundation's Soccer for Success curriculum, which focuses on physical activity, social-emotional skill development and mentorship. On game days, teams play other Scores teams throughout the city, and middle school teams take part in The Pitch tournament at the end of the fall season and the Supercopa tournament at the end of the spring season.
- Through One Hen, students learn about social entrepreneurship and enhance their awareness of social issues in their community. 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.
- Students also receive support to develop skills like setting and working towards goals as well as opportunities to explore college and career options. Coaches emphasize the importance of both personal growth and technical skill gains.

## Program Partners



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, we served

**1075 students**

and worked with

**20 partner schools**



Junior Scores: **30**

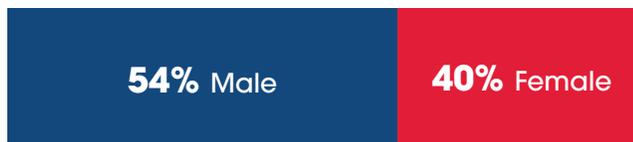
Elementary: **525**

Middle: **379**

High school: **121**

Summer Learning Academy: **20**

This lower-than-average number reflects our continued work to build back after the pandemic-related school closures and transportation challenges.



1% Nonbinary or prefer not to answer

We continue to work to build back and achieve parity in our participation rates for girls.



## Coach Quotes

*"Boston Scores excels at providing an inclusive afterschool program that combines athletics and academics while emphasizing the essential need of positive mentoring for all students. The emphasis on positivity is what Boston Scores does best."*

*"The past three years have been incredibly challenging and Boston Scores has remained the one constant afterschool program for BPS, regardless of the immense challenges such as transportation, field accessibility, and pandemic related issues."*



## Impact numbers from evaluations

Average student attendance rate: **84%**

**71.5%** of elementary and middle school students **increased their aerobic capacity**

**93%** of elementary and middle school parents report that their child lives **a more active lifestyle** as a result of participating in Boston Scores



## High School Student Surveys

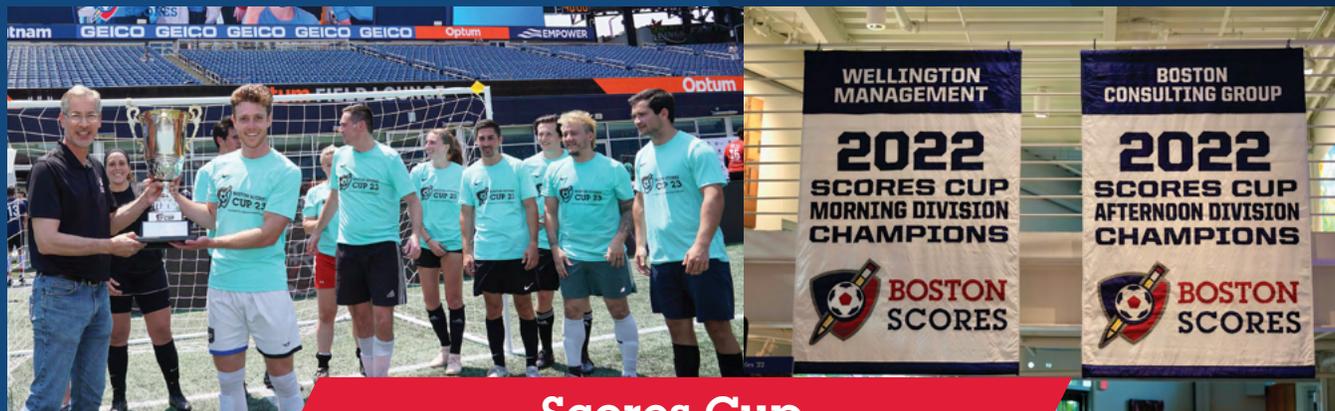
**100%** Report feeling **connected to their coaches** at Boston Scores

**91%** **Feel more confident** as a result of participating in Boston Scores

**91%** Report developing useful **personal and professional skills** through Boston Scores

# SPECIAL EVENTS

In addition to our annual Celebration gala, we host several events and fundraisers throughout the year to support our free programs.



## Scores Cup

Scores Cup is the largest corporate charity soccer tournament in the region, bringing together up to 32 teams and 480 players from the region's top companies. In partnership with the New England Revolution, the 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.



## Inspired Art

One of our newer events, Inspired Art is already becoming a crowd favorite. This art exhibition and auction features a unique collaboration between local artists and Boston Scores elementary school poet-athletes, resulting in 40 original works of art.



## Boston Marathon & Falmouth Road Race

For the past several years, we have been fortunate to receive charity bibs for both the Boston Marathon and the Falmouth Road Race. Runners commit to being ambassadors for our programs and meeting fundraising minimums. For many runners, soccer was an integral part of their youth so they are excited to support the mission and work of Boston Scores to provide that experience to young people in our community.

# SPOTLIGHTS



Anshi Moreno Jimenez

Anshi Moreno Jimenez is a Senior Advisor for the Mayor’s Office of Policy & Strategic Planning.

Anshi and her younger brother Stephen are both proud Boston Scores alums. Anshi attended the Hennigan School, and represented Boston Scores at the America SCORES National Poetry Slam in New York City in 2008.

Anshi went on to attend Harvard University as a first generation college student, and also recently completed her master’s degree in public policy at Harvard. She was named to the El Mundo Boston Latino 30 Under 30 in 2022.

Anshi recognizes the important role that afterschool programs like Boston Scores had in helping her and her brother develop important life skills beyond the classroom and to experience a sense of community and belonging. Through her work with the City of Boston, she strives to increase equitable access for all young people across the city.



Taharri Turner

Taharri Turner (back row, far right) is a physical education and health teacher at the Frederick Pilot Middle School in Dorchester. Coach Turner became one of our original middle school coaches when Scores first expanded to that age group in 2005. He continues to coach both middle school girls’ soccer and One Hen at Frederick nearly 20 years later.

Coach Turner was recognized as a Positive Coaching Alliance Double-Goal Coach of the Year for New England in 2016. Through his role as a coach, mentor and teacher, he has been a consistent support for hundreds of middle school students over the years.

His teams are known for their sportsmanship and their positive attitudes on the field toward their teammates. They are also known for their trademark celebration chant after scoring a goal.



Rhode Limage

Rhode Limage is majoring in environmental engineering at Bucknell University (\*26) and plans to use her degree and her learning to help combat climate change.

Rhode is a Boston Scores alum who joined the program during her sophomore year at the O’Bryant School of Mathematics & Science.

During her time with Scores, Rhode took full advantage of both the soccer and extracurricular activities while also excelling academically and as a community leader. Boston Scores Coach Ethan Goldman nominated her for the PCA Triple-Impact Scholarship and the Posse Scholarship, and she won both!



Kristen Goncalves Redden

Kristen Goncalves Redden has served as the principal at the Patrick J. Kennedy (PJK) Elementary School in East Boston since 2016. During her tenure, she has focused on expanding inclusive practices within her school, specifically around designing a new methodology to increase student agency within English as a Second Language instruction.

The PJK is a Boston Scores partner site, and Kristen joined the Boston Scores Board of Directors in 2021. She played soccer at Emmanuel College.

Kristen is passionate about inclusion and equity, especially around challenging gender stereotypes about women in sport and leadership and ensuring that young boys and girls have a diversity of positive role models within their lives.

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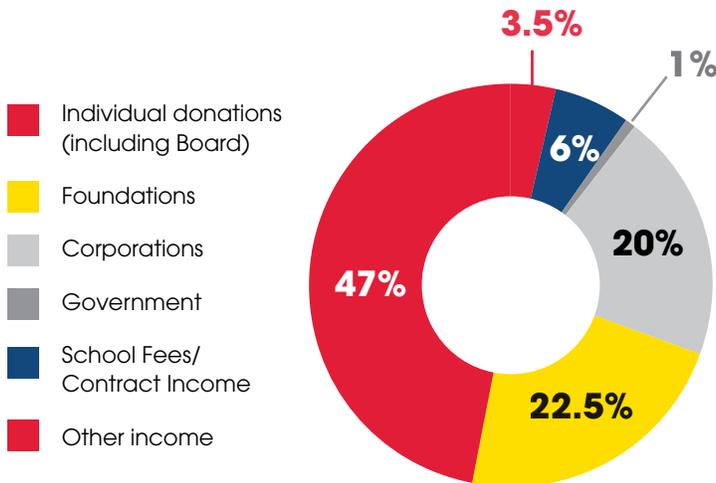
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- Sumner Elementary School
- Tobin K-8 School



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# LOOKING AHEAD

## Salesian Heights & Love to Play Campaign

In summer 2022, Boston Scores launched a \$17.5 million comprehensive campaign with a vision of building a world-class recreation and education complex to support our free soccer, poetry and service learning programs.

Through a groundbreaking collaboration with the Salesian Boys & Girls Club, we will expand access, deepen our program impact, and create a home for youth soccer in East Boston.

### Phase I

Renovation of classrooms and office space plus the construction of a mini-pitch for soccer and basketball

*Completed summer 2023*

### Phase II

Construction of a multi-field soccer facility including a regulation size field plus two small fields, fieldhouse, outdoor classroom space, walking track, playground and community gardens

*In progress - anticipated completion summer 2024*

### Phase III

Program expansion of our school-based programs, community-based programming in East Boston and infrastructure updates at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club

*In progress*

Our overall goal is to double the number of students we serve to 3,000 by 2026, the year the Men's World Cup and the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) returns to Boston. This program expansion includes both increasing program sites across the city as well as establishing community-based programs in East Boston.

To support our goal, we are also developing a Coach-Mentor Training Institute to help support program capacity and quality. Through this initiative, we will also work with a broader network of sports-based youth development organizations across the city.

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- Major League Soccer Players Association
- Salesian Boys & Girls Club
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