



Annual
Report
2015

Play Global

Development through Baseball

Dear friends of Play Global,

In January of 2015 I was on a field in Soroti, Uganda, leading baseball drills in a field full of grazing cattle and goats. While the kids threw baseballs around the livestock, I remembered that baseball can reach kids in what seem to be the most unlikely places. The reasons are simple: baseball brings kids together as teammates, it teaches them about respect, and it's a lot of fun.

In 2015, Play Global continued to train coaches and support baseball in Uganda. For many of the kids we meet there, housing, transportation and school fees can be a daily struggle. Despite such challenges, these children find strength in playing baseball and belonging to a team.

We also began working in Israel in 2015. In partnership with the Israel Association of Baseball, Play Global launched Baseball Le'Kulam, or Baseball for All. This beginners' clinic brings Arab Israeli and Jewish Israeli children together on the baseball field. The sixth-graders participating not only enjoyed learning baseball, they got to know and respect kids from the other group.

Play Global was proud to continue our partnerships with local organizations in 2015, especially with the Uganda Baseball and Softball Association, the Israel Association of Baseball, and the Pearl of Africa Series. We received financial support from many donors and supporters, ranging from foundation grants to equipment donations to t-shirt sales.

Along with our staff and board, I am excited to see how Play Global is growing and reaching more children, coaches and organizations through baseball, even in the most unlikely places. Thank you for supporting our work.

Tom

Tom Gillespie, Executive Director

Letter from the Executive Director

"I think that every kind of sport could help people to connect and to coexist. In our case, baseball is the key."

- Sami, coach-in-training, Israel



Programs 2015

Israel

Play Global teamed up with the Israel Association of Baseball to run Baseball Le'Kulam, meaning Baseball for All. This program brings Jewish and Arab Israeli children together on the baseball field. Though they may be divided by culture, religion and language, these 30 boys and girls are united through baseball.

This group of youth ages 12-14 met for overnight clinics three times during 2015. Learning a new sport together gave them an opportunity to work together and see past their differences. The same kids came back for the June and December clinics, excited to see the friends they had made on the ball field a few months earlier.

Uganda

Play Global returned for a third trip to Uganda in January 2015. We reached 75 coaches and over 300 young players. Our emphasis was teaching baseball fundamentals to kids and preparing coaches to teach skills and lead effective practices.

We trained 20 Ugandan coaches through our distance education program. Participants learned from mentors who brought baseball expertise from around the world.

Play Global teaches baseball to coaches and youth in developing countries and areas facing conflict.

We use baseball as a way to help kids see past their differences, respect others, and play as a team.



Board of Directors

Callie Batts Maddox - Assistant professor in the cultural study of sport at Miami University of Ohio, formerly with Right to Play and BaseballSoftballUK

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Karissa Huntington - Program Manager at American Councils for International Education, former fundraising professional.



Who
we are



Staff

Tom Gillespie, Executive Director

Julia McCarthy, Associate Director

"I love playing baseball because it has put enormous smiles on my face. I have a community... who are always there, in trouble and in happiness, so I have a reason to keep playing."

Thanks for being on our team!

Our 2015 donors and contributors

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Out of the Park Sports
Pearl of Africa Series
Rotary Club of Leawood, KS
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Sports Commission
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Visitors Bureau

*"I want to see
the lives of
kids change
through
playing
baseball."*

*- Tim, coach-in-
training, Uganda*

Financials 2015

Revenue

Individual Contributions	\$9,346
Corporations & Foundations	\$6,568
Sponsorships	\$1,000
In-kind Contributions	\$7,800
Restricted for 2016	\$1,500

Total Revenue \$26,214

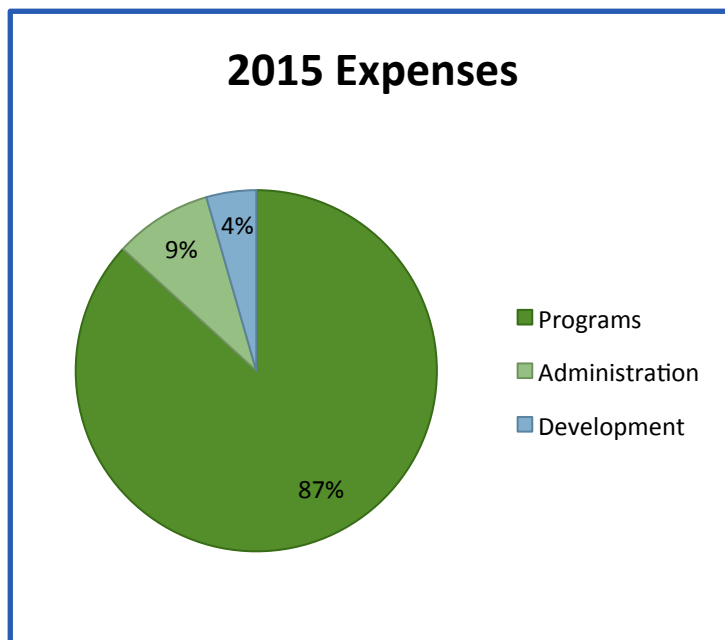
Expenses

Programs	\$18,183
Administration	\$1,838
Development	\$934

Total Expenses \$20,955

Net Surplus \$5,259

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In 2015, Play Global spent 87% of our revenues on carrying out programs.

We spent 13% of our revenues to keep the organization running.

Our work is funded by contributions from supporters like you. Be a part of our team by donating through our website:

www.play-global.org.



Our mission is to develop respect and teamwork through baseball.



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