

## YOUR DONATION CAN HELP

According to the National Recreation and Park Association, in the past decade, participation in youth sports has decreased by 8% and the gap is growing, especially for lower income families. Kardys, Jack (2019, October) Leveling the Playing Field for Youth Sports, Parks & Recreation Volume 54 (10). Recent research published by the Rand Corporation confirmed that children from lower income families are less likely to participate in sports. Do you know that over 50% of the students in our district qualify for free and/or reduced meals? This means that their family is living at or below the federal poverty threshold. For a family of four that is an annual income of \$25,750 or less. This leaves little to no discretionary income for a family to enroll their child in youth sports programs or provide safe alternatives for after school activities. In the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District this means that potentially 2,300 students in 4K-8th grade may never have the opportunity to participate in a youth sports program or be actively engaged in an Action program.

Your donation will ensure that students in our community can reap all the benefits that youth sports has to offer or you can ensure that students have a safe place to play and be active during before/after school hours, providing a parent with peace of mind while at school or work that their child is safe and well cared for. No donation is too small and every dollar goes directly toward ensuring that every child has a chance. Prefer to donate online? Go to wawmrec.com, click on "register" and then on the "donate" tab.

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