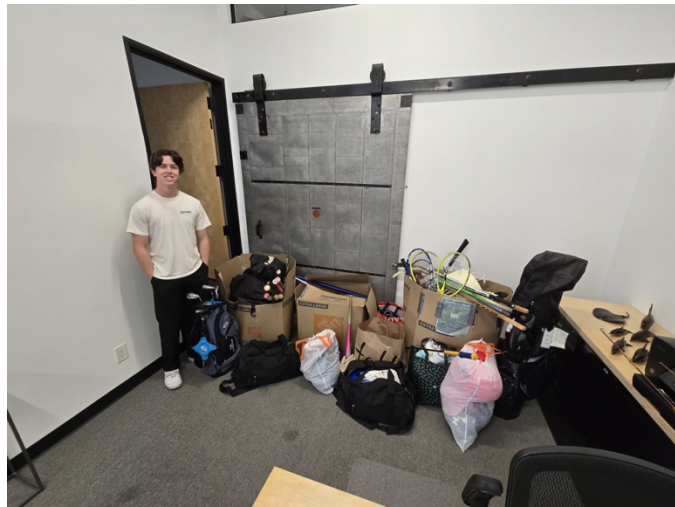




## JSerra Student Focuses on Sports Gear Donations

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Students and athletes have donated over 2,500 pieces of equipment to Evan Brady's Gear2Give nonprofit. Photo: Courtesy of Evan Brady.

After years of seeing brand-new sporting equipment wasted when requirements were modified for different leagues, 15-year-old JSerra Catholic High School student Evan Brady wanted to make a change. Brady created his nonprofit organization, Gear2Give, through his passion for sports and giving back.

As an athlete and pitcher on JSerra's baseball team, Brady understands firsthand the importance of having the right gear to compete and improve in sports. He is determined to provide equal access to sports opportunities for all children.

"It's been a theme in my family to give and do charity work. Ever since I was a kid, I've grown up to appreciate those values, and my parents' favorite saying growing up was, 'Virtue is its own reward,'" Brady said.

"In eighth grade, I had a lot of baseball gear in my garage, and with league requirements changing as I grew up, with bat weights and sizes and all that needed to be different, and a lot of this equipment I only use for a season and it's still in perfectly good shape."

Brady founded Gear2Give in 2022 when he was 13. He now partners with local schools and organizations to connect disadvantaged communities with new and gently used kids' sports equipment. Through a dozen partnerships, they've collected over 2,000 pieces of equipment so far, ensuring every child can play and pursue their athletic dreams regardless of financial circumstances.

With the help of his sister, Tatum, Brady has put their deep passion for different sports into work. They both wanted to focus on giving the less fortunate a chance to play with new and gently used sports gear.

"I talked to my sister and my parents about it to figure out a way to effectively repurpose this, rather than selling it," he said. "I wanted to put the gear in people's hands that I knew needed it, and that's how we started this. Then, talking to my neighbors and my friends at school has been a fantastic resource for me; reaching out to people and starting a club here has been incredible. They have a lot of outreach, and we've done a lot of drives and gained a lot of traction from that."

They have been contacted by different schools, churches, and sports groups that want to contribute to their cause. Brady also notes that there are now fellow schools in the area that have created a club to make this mission a continual growth.

"Especially in my school, the club I started, I have a lot of good friends backing me, and people who I've met that are just interested in the club that I've met through there," Brady said.

"They're super eager and passionate about it. Getting help from our supporters and everyone around us in our communities has been a blessing."

While some other local schools have clubs now, and other groups have been helping, Brady and his team want to expand the nonprofit into more communities.

"We just want to grow this as big as possible and impact as many kids as possible. Our general goal is to try to expand our outreach as much as possible," Brady said. "There's only so much that I can do by word of mouth. So, our website has gained a lot of traction, and we've had many people reach out to us from other schools and organizations. On the flip side, we've had dozens of families reach out and request to receive gear."

The nonprofit has even had the opportunity to expand its reach into Mexico.

"We don't have a specific area we focus on, either; it's easiest for us to operate out of SoCal, because that's where we are," Brady said. "But we've had an opportunity come up and were fortunate enough to come into contact with an orphanage in Mexico where we will send down 1,500 to 2,000 pieces of equipment in the spring. That's an incredible connection we now have, and we can say we're international."

While they receive a little bit of everything in sports gear, they are always looking for more to be able to donate to different communities.

"We see everything," Brady said. "We have a lot of different things, but the biggest thing we see are tennis rackets. There's a lot of tennis, soccer, and baseball down here. We are thrilled to

receive anything with a bias toward baseball, but we love impacting every sport. There's never too much equipment."

For those interested in learning more about Brady's nonprofit or how to donate, visit [gear2give.org](http://gear2give.org).