



MILWAUKEE RECREATION

2022 SUMMER SUCCESSES

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PARTNERSHIPS

Opened **28 CLCs** and **10 Safe Places** in partnership with **7 Community-Based Organizations** to provide in-person programming for youth.



Programs served **2,533 youth** June through August. Many sites were open from 7:00am to 6:00pm.

Awarded the **John Zussman Knothole Softball Scholarship** to **Reagan softball player Brooke Smith**. The **\$1,000 scholarship** is funded by the Zussman family in memory of former Milwaukee Recreation employee and long time supporter of MPS Interscholastic Athletics, John Zussman.



Provided funding to **15 local arts organizations** to employ **50 high school students** in **art-related internships**. Youth represented **22 Milwaukee-area high schools** and **21 zip codes**.



Provided **Partnership for the Arts & Humanities funding** to **Milwaukee Christian Center** to engage high school students with an opportunity to work with local artist, **Tia Richardson**, to install a large-scale public mural on Milwaukee's south side. Additional partners included **Muskego Way Forward** and **Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative**.

Partnered with **Columbia St. Mary's Family Health Center** to provide **free physicals** to **more than 70 MPS** high school student-athletes.



Received a **\$25,000 grant** from the **Auto Club Group (AAA)** for **MPS Drive**.



OPERATIONS

Hosted a **ribbon-cutting ceremony** for the reopening of **Burnham Playfield** on June 29th. The renovated space includes new basketball courts, playground equipment, a splash pad, shade structures, and the first turf soccer field within the playfield system.



Partnered with Reflo, a local environmental non-profit, to engage **5 high school interns**, one day a week, as part of the update to the **Playfield Equity Prioritization Matrix**. Interns reviewed the condition of existing playfields to better understand how likely individuals are to use a park in their neighborhood. Interns also worked on a hypothetical park design, heard about possible design careers from professionals across the country, and shared their perspectives about what would make a playfield fun for people their age.



Awarded \$1,194,250 from the **Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant** for upgrades to **Lincoln Playfield**. The project, scheduled to commence in 2023, will include a renovated soccer field, walking loop, river trail, updated tennis courts, updated basketball court, fieldhouse renovation, lighting, landscaping, as well as a picnic and overlook area.

Participated in **2 community engagement sessions** hosted by **Metcalf Community Bridges for Metcalfe Playfield**. Renovation of the site is expected to begin in 2024. **Over 100 local residents** provided feedback. Desired amenities included water features, art installations, basketball courts, safer streets, and places to climb and play.



Received \$750,000 from the **Land and Water Conservation Fund** (administered by the **Wisconsin DNR**) for improvements to **Modrejewski Playfield**. The project, scheduled to commence in 2023, will include new playground equipment, splash pad, fieldhouse renovation, new basketball courts, new soccer/ multi-purpose field, walking loop, picnic areas, lighting, landscaping, and a painted play area.

Began construction on the renovation of **Stark and Carmen Playfields**. The renovated playfields will include new playground equipment, splash pads, fieldhouse renovations, new basketball courts, walking loops, picnic areas, lighting, landscaping, and painted play areas and will reopen for use in 2023. **Carmen's renovation** also includes **Milwaukee's first tuj lub courts**, and Stark's renovation includes a new soccer field and updated tennis courts.

OUTREACH



Developed a **STEAM Challenge** activity for participating after-school programs. Sites that conducted recommended STEAM activities were entered into a raffle to **win STEAM supplies and equipment**, as well as an Xbox Series X, PlayStation 5, pizza parties, and ice cream socials. A culminating showcase on July 13, 2022 brought **more than 200 youth** to Wick Playfield.



Staffed **19 playground sites** to provide **free meals** to Milwaukee youth in partnership with the **Milwaukee Center for Independence**. Over **20,000 meals** were served from June 21st - August 27th across all playground locations.



Received a **\$12,000 Bader Philanthropies grant** for the **Traveling Adventures** program to provide **5, free field trips** for **682 youth** from the summer playgrounds program.





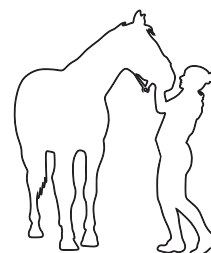
Offered **Midnight Soccer** and **Basketball leagues** to provide young adults with safe places to participate in sports leagues while connecting them to appropriate health care, work force, and educational services. A total of **178 young adults** participated in basketball and **240 were involved with soccer**. Numerous spectators were on hand to offer support and to cheer on the players.



Provided evening safe spaces for teens via the **Twilight Centers**. A total of **3,515 youth** visited locations throughout Milwaukee and participated in sports, video games and art. On-site enrichment activities including ping pong, career development and Mad Science also served **267 youth**.



Established a **partnership** with **MKE Urban stables** to begin a therapeutic recreation program in the fall of 2022.



LIFETIME RECREATION



Celebrated 15 years of the **MPS Run Back to School** on August 27, 2022. A total of **890 individuals** registered for the event and **7 schools qualified** for a mini grant to support their health and wellness needs.

Launched a Community Bike Club offering **15 free**, guided bike rides serving **213 adults** and families. Programming included bike safety lessons and 10-15 mile bike rides on some of Milwaukee's best bike trails.



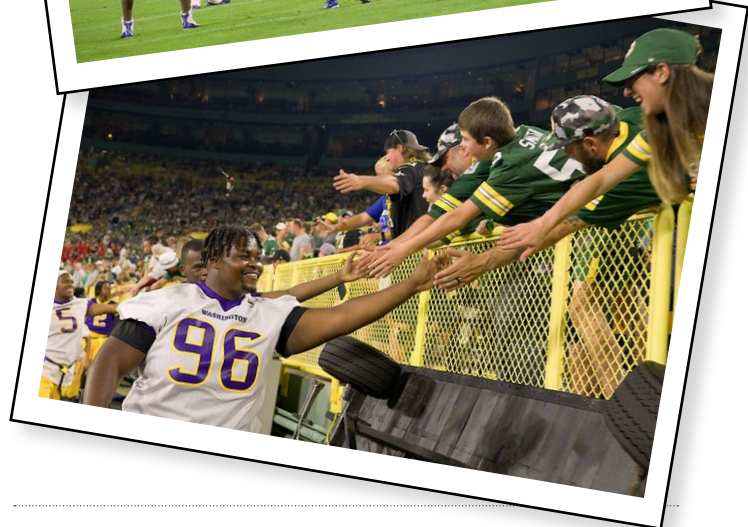
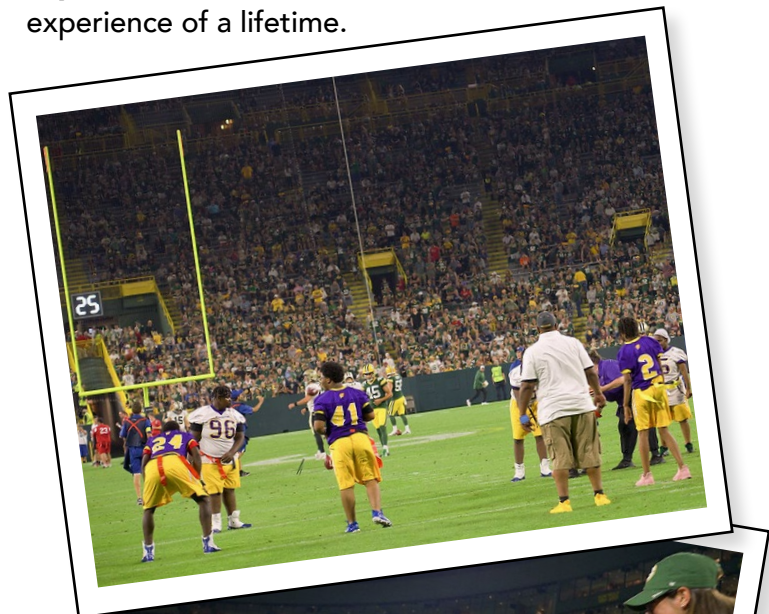
Going places.

Provided driving instruction to **847 students** in partnership with **Drive USA** during the **sixth summer** of MPS Drive.

Set an **all-time registration record** of **202 participants** in **summer music lessons** in partnership with the **MPS Music Department**.



Sent **12 students** from **Washington HS** (a SOWI Unified Champion City School) to **Lambeau Field** on August 19, 2022 to participate in a 5 vs 5 flag football game during halftime of the Green Bay Packers pre-season game. More than **75,000 Packer fans cheered** on the athletes in this experience of a lifetime.



Partnered with **Riverside University HS** Head Football Coach, **Patrick Wagner**, to offer **weekly football camps** for **53 participants** at Custer Stadium, Pulaski Stadium, and Wick Playfield.





Hosted the **inaugural MPS Ultimate Sports Day** at Wick Playfield on Saturday, August 6th. A total of **240 1st-12th graders** registered to experience new sports and learn sports fundamentals. Participants moved through multiple sports stations including baseball/softball, cheer, basketball, football, cross country, ultimate frisbee, golf, soccer, tennis, and track & field. This free event included sports instruction, lunch, a tshirt, and a pair of **athletic shoes donated by Dick's Sporting Goods**.

Offered **volleyball skills clinics** for **31 youth** led by Recreation Resource staff member, **Rick Knack** at WCLL.



Hosted the **inaugural Volleyball Officials Clinic** at Beulah Brinton Community Center on July 23rd in partnership with the **Midwest Minority Officials Association**. Clinic officials guided **44 participants** through classroom and on-court training sessions, including areas of coverage, mechanics, communication, and more.



Partnered with **Call Something Ref** to host a **Football Officials Clinic** to train **12 individuals** in the mechanics of football officiating at Vincent Stadium on Saturday, July 30th.



Added additional program locations to the **fast growing sport of pickleball** serving over **140 active, older adults**.





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