



What's Your Footprint?

Dear Family,

Last week, I received a call from Tehseen Baji, my beloved Quran teacher in Pakistan, a humble, elderly woman who taught me more than just scripture. She taught me compassion, generosity, and the quiet power of doing good where it's needed the most.

She said to me:

"I want to invest in your project. I want to help the children you're helping. Let this be my footprint in America."

Though she's never been to Columbus, she sees the work we do at MY Project USA, and she wanted to be part of it. In her name, I made a gift of \$143.

And it made me realize: **Your footprint doesn't depend on where you are. It depends on what you choose to stand for.**

Every single month, **MY Project USA** makes a community-sized footprint worth over **\$585,000** — serving more than **10,000 people** through:

- > A full-scale **food pantry**
- > Freshly prepared **hot meals**
- > Free **healthcare services**
- > **ESL classes** for new Americans
- > **Soccer and academic programs** to protect and empower children
- > Leadership & employment through **MY Leaders**
- > And life-saving work protecting children from violence, abuse, and trafficking

We do all this **without major grants**. We do it with **faith, community, and people like you**.

So today, I invite you to ask yourself: **What kind of footprint do you want to leave behind?**

Can you give monthly: \$6, \$60, \$160, or whatever feels meaningful to you?

Can you give \$6,000, or raise it with your network, as part of our \$6K for \$6K Challenge?

Every single gift, small or large, joins a larger movement of healing and hope. **Every dollar becomes a footprint.**

Make Your Mark. Leave Your Footprint Today.

Let's build a future together that Tehseen Baji would be proud of. One step, one child, one act of love at a time.

In solidarity with youth and families,
Zerqa Abid
Founder, President & Executive Director
MY Project USA

Support Our Youth!



FREEDOM FORWARD COMMUNITY CIRCLE

In Loving Memory of

ISSA JEYLANI

#DoIt4Issa



THURSDAY, JULY 24

4:30 - 7 PM

MY PROJECT USA

HILLTOP YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CENTER

3275 SULLIVANT AVE, COLUMBUS OH 43204



RSVP Today!

In Loving Memory of Issa Jeylani - A Freedom Forward Gathering

Join us for a special Freedom Forward Circle to honor the life of Issa Jeylani, a beloved 15-year-old whose light was taken too soon by gun violence. Together, we will share stories, reflect on the need for safe spaces for youth, and explore how we can prevent future tragedies. Let's come together in remembrance and action.

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**HILLTOP
YOUTH SOCCER
LEAGUE**

Summer 2025
AWARD CEREMONIES

U8 & U10	JULY 29
U12 & U15	JULY 30

GALLOWAY SPORTS COMPLEX (TURF)
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Ohio
EL BARCO
HABANEROS
FRESH MEXICAN GRILL

You're Invited: Hilltop Youth Soccer Summer League Awards Ceremonies

As our exciting summer season comes to a close, we are proud to invite you to the **Hilltop Youth Soccer Summer League Awards Ceremonies** on **July 29 and 30**, immediately following the final games.

Join us as we celebrate the hard work, growth, and achievements of every player who took the field this summer. From first-time players to rising stars, these young athletes have shown incredible commitment and sportsmanship all season long.

Families, friends, and community members are all welcome. Let's come together to cheer on our youth, recognize their efforts, and celebrate a great season of soccer, teamwork, and community spirit.

Thank you for your continued support of Hilltop Youth Soccer and MY Project USA. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sponser a Youth!

Hilltop Tigers Make History at the Annual International Cup!



We are thrilled to share some incredible news!

This year Hilltop Tigers joined forces with the Sunrise Academy's soccer program to participate in the **Annual International Cup** in Kentucky. Five U10 players each from both programs made one team to represent Ohio and they won.

This joint team has made history as the **first-ever U10 team to win the Annual International Cup**. This is a huge accomplishment, and we are very proud of all of our boys.

Our soccer program at MY Project USA does more than just build athletes. It keeps kids off the streets and away from negative influences by giving them structure, mentorship, and a community that believes in them. **Victories like this prove the power of that support.**

Celebrate this historic win with us by donating today and investing in the future of our youth. Together, we rise. Together, we win.

Support the Hilltop Tigers!

From Youth to Mentor: Taylor's Story



At MY Project USA, we don't just serve youth, we help shape future leaders. This week at our South Park Rise Summer Social, kids had a blast playing Candy Land with caring adults who gave them their full attention and support.

One of those caring adults was **Taylor**, a volunteer who just graduated from our Starling Reach after-school program. She's heading into her freshman year of high school and **chose to spend her summer giving back to the kids in her own neighborhood.** We couldn't be prouder.

Moments like these show the **power of our programs.** They don't just guide youth. **They inspire them to lead and serve.**

Help us continue this work by supporting our programs. Donate today. Your gift helps us raise the next generation of mentors and community builders.

Special thanks to our volunteers, Taylor and Stephanie McGivern, for making a difference every day.

Sponsor Youth Programming!



12 Locations In Columbus To Drop Off Donations Of New & Gently Used Clothes & Shoes

Truck Pick-Up Available For Large Donations



Drop-Off Locations



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