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Hartford Hurricanes Proposal

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Executive Summary/Project Description

Our prior years as a Midget league program have brought us 10 midget league championships and 3 times runner-up. This has been an experience that our kids have enjoyed. Though our success has been a good experience, our kid's future is much more important. The Hartford Hurricanes is seeking to expand our program to allow our youths an opportunity experience youth football and cheerleading similar to surrounding towns. We are hopeful with the kindness and the generosity of our community we will be able to make this effort become a reality for our youths.

The Hartford Hurricanes Organization invites Hartford youths to a program where they can enjoy their experiences as a football player or a cheerleader, while gaining lifelong skills that will help them prosper as they move to the next level of life. We will maintain the highest standards for the inner-city kids. We want to better prepare our youth football members for high school sports and our youth cheerleader for high school cheerleading.

Our Primary focus is education. We have a mandatory 2.0/C average requirement in school to participate in our program. We also have implemented a 1.5 hour study hall session during the year to ensure that our youth's education is successfully sustained throughout and beyond the football season. This measure has been put into place to let the kids, parents and community know that we are interested in our youths future far beyond their physical ability and to prepare them for the future whether they decide to further their sports careers or not.

The Hartford Hurricanes Organization is devoted to child welfare and is undergoing profound changes with the advent of an innovative football league. Our Organization is has join Southern CT Pop Warner (www.southernctpopwarner.com). Our new venture will entail a league which presently have numerous teams and follow strict guidelines. With our new league the Hartford Hurricanes will have an opportunity to expand our range of teams from 3 teams to 6 teams. We will be able to give kids an opportunity to start football and cheer at the age of 6 years old. This gives our inner-city youths a chance to start their football and cheerleading careers three years earlier. Another aspect of the new league will be our cheerleading squads. We will also be adding cheerleading teams to our organization. Our cheerleading teams will participate in annual state cheerleading competitions with the opportunity to cheer nationally and represent Hartford to the world on ESPN, ESPN2, and NFL Network. This gives our young men and woman a chance to experience cheerleading before they enter high school. The Hartford Hurricanes Organization has decided to make these changes to better the football and cheerleading experiences of our young men and women.

Needs Assessment



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Our Target Goal is to reach (40,000) Four-thousand dollars by June 1st 2009. This will allow the Hartford Hurricanes cheerleading staff to fit the girls in new uniforms which would allow them to compete in state and regional cheerleading competitions. The funding will also allow the City of Hartford youths and opportunity for the first time to cheer for football before they get to high school. With the many challenges and pressures our youth women are faced with in today's society we are proud to offer a program where young women can participate and be in a safe and educational environment. We stress education with our 1.5hr study hall sessions during the season, determination, responsibility, team-work, and dedication. We are trying to provide our young women with all the essential of evolving into the next phase of their life.

The funding will also help our program provide a certified trainer at every home game to ensure the safety of our children. The Hartford Hurricanes have joined the most prolific youth football and cheerleading program in the nation. (Pop Warner) we will be competing against Connecticut's biggest cities such as Bridgeport, Waterbury, Danbury, West Haven and New Haven. The funding will also provide adequate transportation to our away games, Uniforms for our football team, football accessories, etc...

Our Organization feels that this is a necessary change to better the lives of our youths and make a difference in a city where they are faced with so many roadblocks and hardships. Some advantages are as follows;

- keep youths involved in a year round ongoing program
- keep more youths involved with activities and off the street
- escalating the numbers of children that can participate in youth sports
- gain lifelong skills such as sportsmanship and friendship
- witness and understand that sports are a diverse game
- meet new friends
- learn and understand the concept of team at an earlier age

Conclusion

The Hartford Hurricanes Organization hopes to make that dream possible for the inner-city kids of Hartford by bringing parents, children, and the city together as one, to help improve our youth football and cheerleading program. Furthermore these young men and women is our future and the need to invest in their future is of great importance.



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