



**i-Play United** is a collaboration between i-ACT, a Hermosa Beach based non-profit group experienced in refugee support and relationship building efforts, and Manhattan Beach Sand and Surf Soccer Club (MBSS).

i-Play United will provide sports equipment and funds, from i-ACT through the UN Refugee Agency, that will support educational programs for the refugee children. The equipment and the funding will not only have an immediate impact on the lives of the children—the play and education serving as therapy for some of the extreme trauma kids have experienced—but it will also have a long-term impact that is immeasurable, allowing children to have hope for a better future.

To learn more about our refugee friends and their love for soccer visit [www.iactivism.org/play](http://www.iactivism.org/play).

#### **October Drive Goals:**

- Collection of sports equipment
- Fund-raising for education in the camps
- Relationship building between children in the camps and MBSS players and families
- Highlight gear collection and fundraising efforts at the MBSS November banquet and in the local media

#### **GEAR:**

Collect gently used soccer or volleyball equipment from your own garage or from friends and family. Needed: jerseys/shirts and shorts of all sizes, soccer and volley balls, mini air pumps and needles, and volleyball nets. We are unable to accept cleats. If you can, please deflate the balls. You can give your equipment to Ella or Gabo at practice the first week of November!

#### **FUNDS and paper SOCCER BALLS:**

1. To sell soccer balls: players can accept cash or a check (made to i-ACT) and write the name of the donor on the correct line. Be sure to have your player also write their name on the ball. During the first week of November give your team representative all paper balls and money. A display will be made to highlight the BU10 and GU10 teams' efforts at the November banquet.
2. Funds will go through i-ACT, a 501(c)3, non-profit organization, and will be used exclusively to improve education for the refugee children in the camps i-ACT visits. Checks can be made out to i-ACT, and funds will be tracked diligently.
3. Donations are tax-deductible and can also be made online at [www.iactivism.org/iplayunited](http://www.iactivism.org/iplayunited)

#### **LETTERS and DRAWINGS:**

MBSS players and families can send messages to the Darfuri refugee children through letters and drawings. During the first week in November, please give these to your team representative. We welcome any letters from siblings as well. We will also be putting together a short video of MBSS players and families to show to the refugees.

#### **DELIVERY**

Gabriel Stauring and Katie-Jay Scott, parents from the BU10 team, and i-ACT are planning a trip to the Darfur refugee camps in eastern Chad before the end of 2011 to deliver the collected gear and letters. They will provide videos and photos of equipment and letter distribution and follow up with the UN Refugee Agency on how education funding was spent.

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