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Team-Up for Youth believes in the power of sports to help children learn and grow — socially, emotionally and physically. We pioneer innovative strategies to strengthen and expand after-school sports and physical activity programs that support the healthy development of young people living in low-income Bay Area communities.

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Team-Up Knows the Way to San Jose

Team-Up for Youth is thrilled to announce that this spring we will offer our services in Santa Clara County for the first time. Over the past five years, Team-Up has partnered with over sixty nonprofits serving low-income communities in San Francisco and Alameda Counties. Now we will expand into Santa Clara County as part of a broader growth strategy that will result in Team-Up working in six Bay Area counties by 2010.



ALL SMILES FOR TEAM-UP'S MOVE INTO SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

“We are very excited to offer our unique services to low-income communities in Santa Clara County,” said Tim Johnson, executive director for Team-Up for Youth. “We look forward to working with new partners and expanding quality sports and physical activity opportunities for thousands of young kids in the South Bay.”

The South Bay expansion will start with our unique *Coaching for Coaches* training, which offers new or experienced coaches from all sports the opportunity to hone their skills and learn how to incorporate youth development principles into their coaching. Other trainings will follow this summer.

Later this year and early next year we'll introduce our other resources in Santa Clara County, including targeted grantmaking and our Coaching Corps volunteer coach program. We will also be educating and informing public officials in the area about the value of physical activity for youth—focusing on obesity prevention and gender equity.

Please visit our website at www.teamupforyouth.org to learn more about upcoming Team-Up opportunities in Santa Clara County.

From the Executive Director



Dear Friend,

What a year! 2006 marked Team-Up's fifth year of creating real opportunities for thousands of kids in neighborhoods where few possibilities existed. Today, thanks in large part to the support and encouragement from friends like you, these kids are staying fit, connecting with caring adults, learning life lessons and having fun.

In the past five years we have created opportunities for 12,800 youth from low-income neighborhoods to enjoy quality sports programs; trained hundreds of coaches and program staff; awarded \$4.8 million in grants to sixty-one organizations; organized five Neighborhood Sports Initiatives; recruited and trained scores of volunteer coaches; championed girl sports; and worked hand in hand with elected officials and community leaders to achieve our mission.

We have been busy, but there is still much more to do. In 2007 we will expand our reach into Santa Clara County and by the end of this decade we will be in six Bay Area counties. We will continue to take the multi-layered approach that we know works best: a comprehensive approach that includes a powerful combination of training, grantmaking, volunteers and policy work.

Our efforts will enable kids from low-income communities across the Bay Area to get off the sidelines and into the game. Together, we are doing great things for Bay Area youth.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Timothy W. Johnson
Executive Director

2006 Highlights

We are pleased to report that 2006 was a very successful year at Team-Up for Youth. Our accomplishments included:

- ▶ Awarding \$1.02 million in grants to 35 organizations and 5 Neighborhood Sports Initiatives
- ▶ Recruiting and placing 105 college students as coaches in 18 organizations
- ▶ Promoting five Neighborhood Sports Initiatives in the Excelsior, Ashland, Fruitvale, San Antonio and Tenderloin neighborhoods
- ▶ Training 260 coaches, 164 program leaders and 278 program staff
- ▶ Working with Senator Tom Torlakson to incorporate youth development principles and physical activity in the implementation of Proposition 49



Team-Up Welcomes Two New Trustees

Team-Up is pleased to announce the addition of two outstanding leaders to our Board of Trustees, Nate Levine and Angela Nomellini.

Angela Nomellini graduated from Stanford University, where she received a BA in English. She also has a J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law. She has a keen interest in education, which began when her eldest son started school and she became active at both the local school and district level. Currently she is a member of the Hillsborough School District Board of Trustees, the Stanford Schools Corporation Board and the Stanford University School of Education Advisory Council. She is also chair of the Student-Athlete subcommittee of the Stanford Athletic Board.

Nate Levine consults for nonprofit organizations, foundations and philanthropists. Over the past 25 years, he has worked for various nonprofits in the cultural, educational and recreational fields. These include the Jewish Community Federation, Stanford Law School and most recently, the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, which he led through a successful rebuilding campaign.

Team-Up welcomes Angela & Nate!



Coaching Corps Big Hit with Kids and Coaches

In 2005, Team-Up for Youth piloted a unique program to address the need for youth coaches in low-income neighborhoods. Two years later, Coaching Corps has grown at a remarkable pace: connecting scores of college students with nearby after-school sports programs.

This past year, Coaching Corps recruited, trained and placed over 100 coaches from Mills College, UC Berkeley, Laney College and Cal State East Bay. Team-Up is currently placing coaches in San Francisco and we will expand into Santa Clara County next year.

With its critical training component, Coaching Corps ensures that coaches incorporate youth development principles into their coaching to help kids learn and grow. The large pool of motivated and talented college students is a good match with the great community need. Plus, the energy and excitement that these students bring to coaching is inspiring.

Take Shirley Jiang, a pre-med major at UC Berkeley who was looking to volunteer with kids, but was unsure what to do. After seeing a posting at Cal, she joined Coaching Corps and has been involved since its inception, coaching a boy's soccer team at Oakland's Webster Academy.



PHOTO BY MONICA SANTOS

SHIRLEY AND TEAM

"Coaching Corps has been a great experience for me," she said. "I really enjoy the relationships that I build with the kids. I've tried to stress teamwork and inclusion and the kids have really responded."

While Coaching Corps benefits youth by connecting them with caring adults, we have found that the coaches also gain a great deal from their experience.

"I grew up in the suburbs and this experience has been eye-opening for me," Shirley said. "These kids live pretty tough lives and it's been very inspiring for me to watch them not only persevere but also learn, grow and succeed."

Team-Up Awarded \$5 Million Challenge Grant Over Five Years

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GRANT WILL HELP US DOUBLE OUR IMPACT FOR PROGRAMS LIKE GIRLS ON THE RUN.

We are thrilled to announce that the Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund has awarded Team-Up for Youth a generous challenge grant of \$5 million over five years to support our expansion into four Bay Area counties.

This is great news for Team-Up donors as all individual gifts will be matched DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR, up to \$1 million per year for the next five years; doubling their impact. Team-Up would like to thank the Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund for their extraordinary support and generosity.

Please visit our website at www.teamupforyouth.org to learn more about how you can take advantage of this challenge grant and support Team-Up for Youth.

Moving kids and communities with Capoeira

To ensure participation of kids with varying interests, Team-Up recognizes that kids need choices when it comes to physical activity. That's why we support conventional as well as alternative athletic programs like ABADÁ-Capoeira San Francisco.

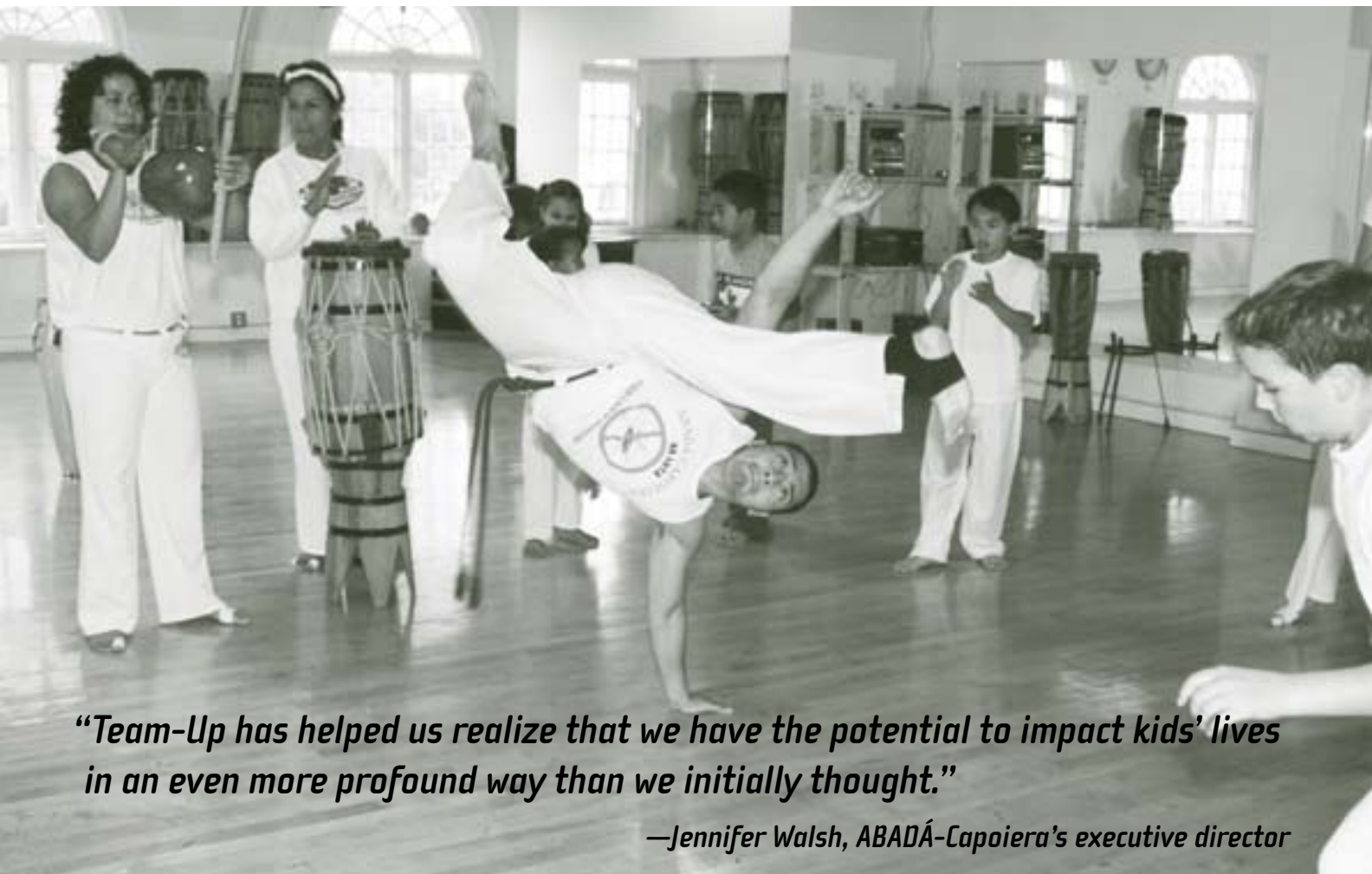
ABADÁ works to preserve the rich tradition of Capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian practice that eludes any simple description. Both a sport and an art form, Capoeira integrates martial arts, music and dance—representing an athletic stream of consciousness that teaches confidence, poise, strategy and cooperation.

In the spirit of the Capoeira tradition of enriching disadvantaged communities, ABADÁ offers a free program for youth from low-income families. Since 2003, Team-Up has helped ABADÁ develop this program through training, technical assistance and grants.

With Team-Up's support, the program went from serving a small group of teens to reaching over 200 youth of all ages. "For many of these kids," says Executive Director Jennifer Walsh, "this program is their sole source of physical activity."

Team-Up has worked with ABADÁ to develop a curriculum that helps staff promote youth leadership—which can be something as simple as having young people select the warm-up activity or as sophisticated as having them explain a sequence of movements.

"Team-Up has helped us realize that we have the potential to impact kids' lives in an even more profound way than we initially thought," says Walsh. Sport or art—Team-Up is proud to support ABADÁ in using Capoeira to enrich young people and the larger community.



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—Jennifer Walsh, ABADÁ-Capoeira's executive director

Tennis & Tutoring

A Winning Combination

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—Marc Weinstein, Executive Director of Mills Community Tennis Program

How can a program with an academic agenda motivate a child to bike three miles to get there? Just ask Marc Weinstein, founder and executive director of Mills Community Tennis Program in Oakland.

The program introduces tennis to inner-city youth who typically have had no exposure to organized sports. With tennis as the hook, these kids also receive tutoring and mentoring from their coaches.

Team-Up first got involved with Mills in 2005 by providing volunteer coaches through our Coaching Corps program. We have deepened support for the program this year, tripling their number of coaches. “Having well-trained, volunteer coaches through Coaching Corps has allowed me to focus on program quality, bringing us from a good program to a great one,” says Weinstein.

Mills has also been a recipient of Team-Up grants and training. “Team-Up trained our coaches in skill building and behavior management,” says Weinstein, “and also identified some quick fixes for program improvement. For instance, we’ve added running to our practice drill for beginners to ensure these kids get the vigorous workout they need.”

Raul, a loyal Mills Tennis participant, joined the program in fourth grade with absolutely no experience in athletics. He enjoyed the program so much that when he couldn’t find transportation, he began riding his bike three miles just to get there—losing 30 pounds in the process! Now an eighth grader, Raul still shows up an hour early to practice each day and looks forward to his first taste of competition in upcoming spring tournaments.

“Raul is precisely the kind of kid we had in mind when we started the program,” says Weinstein. “He’s developing his athletic abilities while getting familiar with a college environment.”

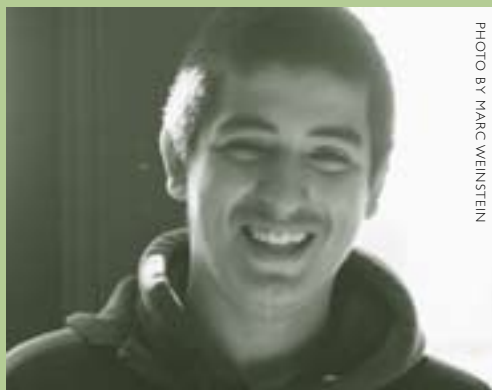


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RAUL TOPETE MAY BE THE MILLS COMMUNITY TENNIS PROGRAM'S BIGGEST FAN.

Team-Up Tackles Prop 49

Proposition 49 was a statewide initiative approved by voters in 2002 to fund more after-school programs across California. As a result of Proposition 49, California now has the nation’s largest state-funded before and after-school program in the nation.

After-school programs are required to have both an academic component *and* an enrichment component (physical activity, arts, etc.). Team-Up was successful in amending the implementation bill to accentuate the opportunities for physical activity. We successfully worked with Senator Torlakson to require additional specificity regarding physical activity; youth development principles and physical activity opportunities for all programs. This new language represented a fundamental shift of the department’s implementation requirements.

Our community partners were informed of the recent bidder’s conference and attended with much excitement. Many would not have known about this funding opportunity since the program is education focused and the network of providers are not linked with sports or physical activity providers.

Additionally, physical activity guidelines developed by our education and training department were marketed to local governments and adopted by San Francisco last year and are still pending in Fremont and Oakland. We are also exploring how we can utilize our training to support certain Prop 49 sites.

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Watching the Warriors

This January, Team-Up invited 35 youth and their coaches to watch the Golden State Warriors play the Miami Heat. Attendees were from three of our Coaching Corps partners: the Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro & Oakland as well as the Hayward Area Recreation Department. Participating youth enjoyed the game, toured the Oracle Arena and were recognized during half-time. A big thank you to the Golden State Warriors for generously donating tickets.

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