



# WINGS

*Giving wings to youth*

MARCH 2020



Pitcher Adam Cohen

*Photo courtesy of Jewish Community High School of the Bay*



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends:

**“My favorite part of the game is the opportunity to play.”**

- Mike Singletary

At our annual retreat a few weeks ago, the board met to present our goals and plans for the coming year. As always, it is mostly about the execution of our aim to be the best at investing in kids through sports. However, I asked members to individually share “why” this mission is so important to them. Here are a few that may resonate with you:

**“Sports builds lifelong friendships”**

**“Sports teaches teamwork, perseverance, confidence, character, and fitness”**

**“I learned everything I needed to know in life on a court”**

**“Only sports really teaches you how to get back up”**

**“I remember the name of every coach I ever had”**

**“I love giving back to the club and giving back to the kids”**

**“Data on sports participation is overwhelming in all the outcomes – overall health, education, employment, income, character”**

**“Sports changed my life”**

It is impossible to distill all of these powerful reasons down to one “why,” but collectively, The Olympic Club Foundation is the protector of the opportunity for all kids to experience the unparalleled benefits of sport.

On behalf of all the kids we serve, a most sincere thanks to you, our supporters, whatever your “why” may be.

For the kids!



**Tony Scuderi**

*President, The Olympic Club Foundation*



Girls Leading Girls soccer players



West Oakland Seals soccer team



Ranon Ross, Executive Director of SF Brown Bombers Youth Football & Cheers, accepts a \$15,000 grant check from OCF Board President Tony Scuderi at the President's Ball at Lakeside



## OLYMPIANS GIVING BACK!

Olympic Club cyclist and 2017 Olympian of the Year, Chris Coble, is committed to helping Bay Area kids through sports. Chris has pledged to donate all of his 2020 race winnings to the OC Foundation. His bicycle sponsor Ventum, has also pledged to make a matching donation in Chris' honor. Joining Chris in his support for kids through OCF is his wife, Caroline, and all of the Olympic Club elite cyclists who have pledged their 2020 winnings as well!

If you'd like to match Chris and Caroline's pledges in whole or part, give the OCF Office a call @ 415.345.5230.

Thank you Olympic Club Cycling!!

Ventum Bicycles has created a coupon code—**OlympicClubGive10**—that gives members 10% off bikes but also gives 10% back to the OC Foundation via a revenue share program.



Elite OC cyclist Chris Coble at the Sky Express Livermore Circuit Race, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
*(photo by Katie Min)*



Youth sports has grown to be a **\$17B industry** — roughly the size of the NFL —

yet **only 37% of U.S. kids** play team sports on a regular basis.



Young player from SFPAL



## COACHING STORY: WING-YAN SO



Wing-Yan So and Hillary Phu

Youth Tennis Advantage (YTA) is lucky to have coach Wing-Yan So leading their SF McLaren Park site these past 11 years. During that time, she has had enormous success on and off the court, travelling with her students to tennis competitions from local orange ball to national college showcases, leading countless crews of ball kids all over the Bay

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Area, going above and beyond taking students to local tournaments on the weekends. She is most proud of the good sportsmanship awards her kids have received and their academic accomplishments. A high school teacher, she is always on point with academic help and college applications. When student Hillary Phu won the National NJTL Essay Contest, she chose Wing-Yan to be her chaperone on the trip to New York! To say she is a mentor and role-model to her students is an understatement. Under Wing-Yan's leadership, YTA McLaren Park has become a community of loyal, fun, inspiring kids and their families who may start at a young age but stay in the program through high school graduation and remain lifelong friends with their YTA community.

**Kids who play sports regularly score on average 40% higher on tests and are 15% more likely to go to college...**



Students from KIPP Bay Area Schools

**...yet Unified School Districts continue to cut sports funding for budgetary reasons.**

HELP US, HELP THE KIDS! DONATE TODAY.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

List me as:

(Examples: John or Jane Doe, Mr. & Mrs. John Doe, John & Jane Doe, The Doe Family, etc.)

Mail to: The Olympic Club Foundation, 524 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 or give online at [OCFkids.org/donate](http://OCFkids.org/donate)

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Charge to my **Olympic Club Ledger**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ledger # \_\_\_\_\_

One time OR

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months OR

Automatic Annual Renewal

Enclosed is **my check** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to The Olympic Club Foundation.

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to  Visa  MC  AMEX

CC # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## SUCCESS STORY: JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER



Jamestown Royals Recreational Team, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Going on 3 years together, the team has grown in their unity and support of one another. As a result of their new uniform sets and equipment, the youth felt extremely motivated and eager to continue building their sense of pride and team chemistry

by finding creative ways to fundraise to purchase individual warm-up suits. For example, through brainstorming sessions and

gatherings, the youth and parents opted to sell raffle tickets for 2 donated bicycles and a 50" Television. Wanting to take ownership

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of the fundraising, each youth pledged to sell 10 raffle tickets to friends and families. After barely 2 weeks of selling raffle tickets, the youth were able to not only gather enough funds to purchase warm-up suits but also backpacks. This activity added greatly to the team's unity.

## SUCCESS STORY: JEWISH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



Emma (bottom row 2nd from right) is the only girl on the JCHS baseball team.



"The new materials acquired by the baseball team last year helped me improve my baseball skills exponentially. As the only girl on the baseball team, it is sometimes intimidating and scary to practice and try to improve in front of all the guys. **The new batting cage gave me a semi-private place to work on my skills one on one with my coach.** I feel this was one of the first years I could actually see my baseball skills grow."

*Emma Yagolnitzer, JCHS Class of 2021*

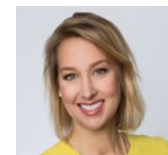
Young winners from  
3M Track Club in  
Castro Valley



Youth who play sports regularly **earn 7 to 8% more** on average in their lifetimes.

### *Welcome!*

The Olympic Club Foundation offers a warm welcome to new board members **Elaine Murphy** and **Robert Weeks**.



Elaine Murphy



Robert Weeks

Thank you to **Doug Thomas** for accepting the post as Foundation Treasurer for 2020-2021.



Doug Thomas





# FIGHT NIGHT 2020

*SAVE THE DATE!*

**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 16  
CITY CLUBHOUSE**

The Bay Area  
has a **GDP**  
of **\$748**  
billion...



Young athletes from Girls Leading Girls

...yet 20%  
of Bay Area  
children live  
**below the**  
**poverty line.**



ICA Cristo Rey  
basketball team

An Ernst & Young survey of 400 female corporate executives found 94% played a sport and **61% said sports contributed to their career success.**

GIVE ONLINE AT [OCFKIDS.ORG/DONATE](https://ocfkids.org/donate)