



DavidPhillips FOUNDATION

Impact Report

Mission The David Phillips Foundation supports and uplifts children and their families through sports and recreation programs that allow them to heal, grow, and play.

2022 in Review - Message From DPF's President

Play was a core value of David's, and his love language. He taught me, by example, that through play, children (and adults) learn and grow. Our family served as our own case study, our home-life an incubator for play-based learning, and we experienced the "power of play" first hand in raising our five healthy and happy kids, now healthy and happy young adults (mostly adults!)...

Inspired by Dave's love for his children, and based on what we know about the importance of play in child development, the David Phillips Foundation has begun working toward our mission - to support and uplift children and families, with opportunities to play. Our first initiative, "Prioritizing Play," includes providing free sports and recreation programs in low-income communities. Partnering with Austin Youth Fitness (AYF), DPF launched our first program last spring at Overton Elementary, an AISD Title-1 school. AYF's Fit N' Fun Running Club at Overton served as pilot program and model for three more programs introduced last Fall, at Pickle Elementary, Menchaca Elementary, and Blazier Elementary, also Title-1 schools. And now, to start 2023, we've added Odom Elementary to the list of schools offering DPF programs.

Going forward, DPF plans to continue helping families "Prioritize Play," and has set a goal to double our impact in the next two years. Additionally, we have plans to develop partnerships with other businesses and community organizations doing similar work and with similar goals. We envision DPF being a hub for families to access our free sports and recreation programs, and a central location for struggling families to access support services and care providers.



DPF President Alli Phillips and her children, Laney, Sally, Lucy, Ellie, & Liam

Over 100 children and their families experienced the healing power of play through DPF's free sports and recreation programs this past year. And I too benefited from DPF's "play therapy." Serving as DPF's president, in my grief I found gratitude, and in my loss I came to know love more deeply... The future is bright, and PLAYful, for families all over Austin, and for me and mine too, thanks to DPF.

Free Sports & Recreation Programs



Running Club at Overton Elementary Led by PE Teacher Calina Tucker

Opportunities to Play

Last year DPF fully funded...

5 Programs in 4 Title-1 Schools, serving 109 Students, and employing 10 Teachers as program leaders.

“ Leading the Yoga Club at Blazier provided an opportunity for me to connect with students in a smaller group setting... It has been incredibly rewarding and a lot of fun to help the kids improve their flexibility, strength, and overall health, and my own! ”

Hien Nguyen-Phuoc
Blazier Elementary Teacher



Running Club at Pickle Elementary Led by PE Teacher Steven Moreno



The Board of Directors, DPF's Heart & Soul Building, Shaping, & Guiding the Foundation

DPF's Board is comprised of educators, coaches, child development experts, business professionals, and community leaders. Over the past year, they have given their time, talent, and expertise, to 1) build DPF's infrastructure, 2) define and refine our mission, and 3) devise and implement a strategic plan for serving our community. They have spent innumerable hours in non-profit trainings and workshops, volunteering at community events, fundraising (personally and through the Memorial Mile event), not to mention hours at board meetings, in person, on zoom, over the phone, and via group chats. Thanks to the board and their tireless work, the foundation has grown from a small non-profit start-up, to a respected force in Austin education and community service, bringing play - and hope, healing, and happiness - to over 100 children in low income households.



DPF President Alli Phillips & Vice President Larry Chauvin "I Live Here I Give Here" Board Training



Suzanne McGinnis, DPF Founding Board Member & Events Committee Chair, with her family at the David Phillips Memorial Mile Fundraiser

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With momentum from 2022, and with the energy and passion of our board, DPF will most certainly reach our goal to double our impact in the next two years - impacting the lives of more kids, improving the lives of more families, bringing sports and recreation programs to more schools, employing more teachers, and providing more opportunities for children to learn, grow, and heal, through play. #LetsPlay

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