



STARTING LINE

YOUTH SPORTS ALLIANCE

IMPACT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2026



Removing barriers. Creating access. Helping kids play.

A Strong Start

Starting Line Youth Sports Alliance exists to eliminate economic barriers to sports participation by collecting and redistributing new and gently used sports equipment to schools and youth organizations. We believe every child deserves the opportunity to thrive physically, mentally, and socially through play.

Fiscal Year 2026 marked our first year putting that mission into action. What began with a simple idea - redirect quality sports gear from closets and garages to kids who need it - became a growing community effort connecting donors, educators, coaches, schools, teams, and nonprofit partners.

112	\$6,750	10
UNITS DISTRIBUTED	RETAIL VALUE	RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS



Every box represents equipment moving back into play.

Fiscal Year 2026 Distribution

During the fiscal year, Starting Line distributed sports equipment to eight elementary schools, one high school club team, and one nonprofit partner.

Recipient	Units	Retail Value
Fir Grove Elementary	12	\$855
Greenway Elementary	9	\$750
Hazeldale Elementary	12	\$615
Kinnaman Elementary	16	\$729
McKay Elementary	15	\$648
McKinley Elementary	9	\$645
Mooberry Elementary	9	\$840
Raleigh Hills Elementary	16	\$1,275
Southridge Skyhawks Club Soccer	10	\$237
The Children's Course	4	\$156
TOTAL	112	\$6,750



Participation Starts with Access

For P.E. teachers, a pair of properly fitting athletic shoes can be the difference between students watching from the sideline and participating with classmates. Starting Line's Shoes at Play program help schools maintain loaner shoes and basic equipment so students can take part in class, recess, and after-school activities.

"Starting Line Youth Sports Alliance was an amazing partnership to help all my students access Physical Education class on a daily basis. None of my students missed out on activities, skills and the opportunity to enhance their physical abilities and confidence."

— Kathy, Beaverton School District P.E. Teacher

"We held an after-school basketball club, and we were able to make sure everyone had a good pair of basketball shoes. We were also able to supply many students that could not afford tennis shoes."

— Jeff, Beaverton School District P.E. Teacher



A VOICE FROM MOOBERRY ELEMENTARY

Removing Barriers to Participation

The impact of a pair of athletic shoes can extend well beyond the equipment itself. At Mooberry Elementary, loaner shoes helped students participate safely, comfortably, and confidently in physical education.

“Starting Line Youth Sports Alliance has made a meaningful difference at Mooberry Elementary through their generous donation of athletic shoes. Having access to these shoes helps ensure that all of our students can safely and comfortably participate in PE activities, regardless of whether they have the appropriate footwear at school.

The loaner shoes have removed barriers and allowed students to fully participate in running, games, fitness activities, and other movement experiences. As a PE teacher, it is incredibly important to me that every student feels included and has the opportunity to be active.

We are truly grateful to Starting Line Youth Sports Alliance for supporting our students and helping create a more inclusive and equitable environment at Mooberry. Their generosity has helped put students on a path toward confidence, participation, and a lifelong love of physical activity!”

— Physical Education Teacher, Mooberry Elementary School

Access to the right equipment helps every student get in the game.

A VOICE FROM GREENWAY ELEMENTARY

One Less Barrier to Learning

At Greenway Elementary, having a range of loaner athletic shoes available means students can participate in P.E. even when they arrive without safe or appropriate footwear.

“Upon receiving the shoes for my PE program, I have been able to ensure ALL students are able to fully participate safely in PE. With a new PE schedule this year, it is hard sometimes for families to remember what day they have PE and if/when they come in unsafe shoes, they can easily come in and grab a pair to change into.

It has been a huge help to have multiple sizes of each shoe in the event that more than one student needs shoes of the same size, they are available to them. I really appreciate the slip on shoes as well to help make the shoe changing process faster.

Thank you so much for allowing me to come and get shoes for my students, it creates one less barrier for kids to have access to all of their learning!”

— PE Specialist, Greenway Elementary

The right shoes can mean one less barrier between a student and learning.

Supporting Teams and Community Partners

Starting Line's model is designed to support the people already creating opportunities for young athletes. In FY2026, that included a multicultural high school soccer club and The Children's Course, extending the usefulness of donated equipment into team practices, games, and youth golf.

"Starting Line helped us provide soccer balls, pinnies, socks and cones to our multicultural soccer team. With limited resources and funding this year, the donations we received from Starting Line impacted us greatly and we are extremely thankful."

— Aimee, Coach, Southridge Club Soccer



Community connection in action. Donated gear is collected, sorted, and placed with educators, coaches, and organizations that can put it directly to use.

Collect. Sort. Redistribute.

The impact starts before any equipment reaches a school or team. Community donation drives and individual donors create the supply of gear that makes redistribution possible. During the year, Starting Line hosted community collection events in Beaverton and welcomed its first Donation Bin Student Ambassador, who collected sporting goods at school and in her neighborhood as part of an environmental science sustainability project. Additionally, a partnership with Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation Department (THPRD) and their affiliate leagues was established in FY26.



This circular model creates two kinds of value at once: it helps reduce waste by extending the useful life of sports equipment, and it helps schools and youth programs stretch limited resources while giving more kids the chance to participate.

From a Strong Start to Greater Reach

Our first impact report captures an early chapter in Starting Line's growth. The foundation is now in place: community donors are contributing quality gear, teachers and coaches are identifying real needs, and equipment is moving back into the hands of young people.

In the year ahead, we will continue to focus on expanding distribution, supporting more sports, strengthening partnerships with schools and youth organizations, and improving how we measure the outcomes created by access to equipment.

WHAT WE WILL KEEP MEASURING

- Year-over-year growth in units distributed
- Retail value of equipment placed into the community
- Number and type of schools, teams, and nonprofit partners served
- Expansion into additional sports and activities
- Teacher and coach feedback on participation, access, and program impact





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THANK YOU

To every donor, educator, coach, volunteer, partner, and community member who helped make our first year of impact possible.



Together, we are helping more kids get to the starting line.

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