

2015 Indiana Soccer Foundation Annual Report – Dean J. Vinten, President
“Improving the Lives of Youth through Sport”

Our Mission and Vision...

The Indiana Soccer Foundation remains committed to the goal of making the life changing benefits of soccer available to every child, regardless of income or geographic location. Our mission and vision is to enhance, support, promote and foster soccer related programs that benefit the long-term development of local communities in Indiana and the youth within those communities. It is our goal to:

- **Focus on programs and projects** which help to develop soccer players, families and communities as good citizens.
- **Be responsible stewards** of the Foundation’s resources.
- **Be advocates** for the Indiana communities.
- **Promoting cooperation** with and from state and local government.
- **Provide resources** in support of the Indiana Soccer Association vision and mission.
- **Develop non-investment revenue** from public and private sources to support the mission of the Foundation.

Our Financial Position at December 31, 2015

	12/31/15	12/31/14	12/31/13	12/31/12
ASSETS				
Current Assets	\$124,475	\$106,600	\$118,450	\$27,424
Property & Equipment	0	0	0	0
CICF Legacy Fund	67,186	73,212	67,417	64,023
Total Assets	\$191,661	\$179,812	\$185,867	\$91,447
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,700	\$ 500
Long Term Liabilities	0	0	0	0
Retained Earnings	126,794	\$185,868	\$90,708	\$85,543
Reserved for Programs	53,018		0	0
Net Income	11,849	(\$6056)	\$90,459	\$5,404
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$191,661	\$179,812	\$185,867	\$91,447

Changes in Financial Position.

Current Assets of \$124,475, consist of the balances shown below.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
• <u>Unrestricted Funds:</u>			
○ General operating cash	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
○ Rachael Fiege Outreach Fund	\$70,482	\$47,582	\$51,068
• <u>Restricted Funds:</u>			
○ GIRLS Scholarship Funds	\$48,993	\$51,793	\$57,013
○ Rachael Fiege Memorial Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,784
○ Community Futsal Fund	\$ 0	\$ 1,225	\$ 0
○ Pre-paid Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 585
• <u>Accounts Receivable:</u>			
○ 2014 Golf Outing	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ 0

Rachael Fiege Outreach Fund. In August 2013, the general operating fund was re-designated in memory of Rachael Fiege. This is an unrestricted fund previously titled General Operating Funds. Rachael enjoyed playing the defender position for Zionsville High School, being selected to play for the Indiana Youth Soccer’s Olympic Development Program (ODP) State team, and also playing for various club teams throughout her career. It was her second day on campus as an incoming freshman at Indiana

University, when she sustained an undetected traumatic brain injury, which caused her very untimely death. These funds support programs including TOPSoccer, Soccer Across America, Value Through Sports and, started in the Fall of 2014, a boy's scholarship program.

GIRLS Restricted Funds. The fund was established in 2012 from a GIRLS League donation of \$62,113 to continue their program of providing scholarship support to female soccer athletes who are in need of financial assistance in order to play in the Indiana State League (ISL) and the Midwest Regional League (MRL). Scholarship requests are considered on a per season basis for coaching, club base fees, field usage or field equipment fees, officials or referee fees, league fees and other fees deemed acceptable. Fees for coach travel expenses, uniform expenses, player/family travel expenses, tournament fees, and camp or clinic fees are **not** considered in determining awards. The maximum possible award per season per player is \$200.

The Rachael Fiege Memorial Fund. This restricted fund, was established in August 2013, in memory of 19 year old Rachael Fiege, to receive donations in her memory. The Indiana Soccer Foundation will use these restricted funds to provide for a continuing remembrance in her name, as directed by the Fiege family. As of December 31, 2013, the Foundation has received a total \$4,784 in direct donations in Rachael's memory. The Board approved a matching grant of \$4784. Coupled with addition contributions received in Rachael's memory in early 2014, at the request of the Fiege family \$11, 887 were disbursed in her name to the Methodist Health Foundation. The Methodist Health Foundation has established, and will use these funds for, a program called "Rachael's First Week", a student lead program designed to educate high school seniors and college students on what to expect when they arrive on campus (what they don't tell you at orientation) and the importance of stepping up and doing the right thing when confronted with a variety of situations (helping friends and strangers in need). With the disbursement of \$11,887, this fund is now close.

Community Futsal Fund. This is a cooperative effort between the Indiana Soccer Foundation, Indiana Soccer Association, Indy Eleven and Indy Parks. The Indiana Soccer Foundation is providing overall leadership and funding support for the development of the first Futsal Courts in Indiana.

Retained Earnings and Reserved for Programs.

Under "Reserved for Programs, the \$53,018 is the amount that was in the restricted community support fund at the beginning of the year. At 2015 year end we made a closing entry to distribute net income to retained earnings and Reserved for Programs respectively based on the year's activity. Currently, Reserved for Programs, reflects the balance of the restricted girl's scholarship fund.

2015 – A YEAR IN REVIEW

Girls Scholarships. Over \$13,000 in scholarships have been awarded since the Girls Scholarship Fund was established. Benefiting clubs included Southern Alliance of Indiana, Sporting Indiana, Westfield Youth Soccer, Warsaw Wave, Elkhart Flames, South Central Soccer Academy, Indiana Fire Juniors, USAi, Westside United, Zionsville Youth Soccer and the Cutters Soccer Club.

Boys Scholarships. The boy's scholarship program was initiated in 2014 with the fall season. Proceeds from the Foundation's unrestricted Rachael Fiege Memorial Outreach Fund partially fund this program, along with monies from the foundation general fund. Scholarship requests are considered on a per season basis for coaching, club base fees, field usage or field equipment fees, officials or referee fees, league fees and other fees deemed acceptable. Fees for coach travel expenses, uniform expenses, player/family travel expenses, tournament fees, and camp or clinic fees are **not** considered in determining awards. The maximum possible award per season per player is \$200. Benefiting clubs included South Central Soccer Academy, Indiana Fire Juniors, USAi, and the Cutters Soccer Club.

The Rachael Fiege Outreach Fund. In August 2014, the Foundation Board of Directors established the Rachael Fiege Memorial Outreach Fund in memory of Rachael Fiege. As the primary unrestricted fund of the Foundation, the Rachael Fiege Memorial Outreach Fund is used to support general programs and activities that promote the

values of the Indiana Soccer Foundation. These programs, which were also very important to Rachael, include TOPSoccer, Soccer Across America, Value through Sports, boys scholarships and the Futsal Community Program.

Community Futsal Program. Started in 2014, this is a cooperative effort between the Indiana Soccer Foundation, Indiana Soccer, Indy Eleven, Indy Parks and Sports Court. The idea is to take existing, infrequently used tennis courts and convert them into a Futsal courts. The first court to be converted will be Graham Edward Martin Park. The programs long term vision is that there will eventually be a total of 11 facilities and that each facilities will be available for all age, race and income populations. The estimated budget to construct a Futsal court is \$85,000. Two grants have been submitted: one by Indy Eleven to the US Soccer Foundation, and a second by the Indiana Soccer Foundation to the LIDS Foundation.

6th Annual Foundation Golf Classic. Our 6th annual golf classic had to be cancelled due to a lack of participation in the event.

Support to Indiana Soccer.

Soccer Across America (SAA): SAA Introduces the sport of soccer to youngsters living in communities not yet served by existing clubs and leagues. Primarily focused on making soccer available to lower-income children in underserved communities, it provides soccer training and administrative guidance to players and organizations that might not be exposed to the sport. In addition, the Foundation helps new programs find the funding and equipment to begin, and later expand, their activities.

TOPSoccer (TOPS): This is a community-based program that provides athletes with special needs the opportunity to participate in soccer-related activities. The soccer experience is adapted to the skills and ability of the athletes and offered to all ages of challenged athletes. The program strives to create an environment where these athletes enjoy a level of success, exposure to exercise and development of a sense of belonging.

Support to Ball State University. Since December 2011, the Foundation has awarded grants of more than \$4,500 to the Ball State University, “Value through Sports” program. Lead by Dr. Lindsey Blom, EdD, Associate Professor of Sport and Exercise Psychology, School of PE, Sport, and Exercise Science, the program is designed and implemented to help youth sports organizations be more direct, effective and consistent in communicating values to players, coaches, and parents.

Cutters Soccer Club participated in beta testing of Values through Sport, and is working to implement the revised curriculum in its recreational outreach programs, including programs with Big Brother/Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Club, a church group, and TOPSoccer

Funding for this project meshes with the goals of the Foundation because the program is about how to infuse values in a deliberate, systemic way, and to follow up to make sure that the goals are reached. The program consists of coaching education, parent education, curriculum, organization support, and program assessment. Ball State students, under Dr. Blom’s leadership, have developed exercises and means of evaluation.

2016 – A LOOK AHEAD

The Memorial Cup. The Memorial Cup is a joint effort between the Foundation and Indiana Soccer. The inaugural event is currently scheduled for Grant Park for the weekend of June 3-5, 2016. The inspiration for the event was to honor the life/death of Rachael Fiege, but at the urging of the Fiege family, quickly became one to honor all of Indiana Soccer’s youth players that have died way too soon. The event will also remember coaches, administrators and others no longer with us – but who contributed significantly to soccer in Indiana.

Boys and Girls Scholarship Program. These programs will continue with hopes of significant expansion of either program through financial support from outside contributors and sponsors. Each program will continue to offer up to \$3,000 each spring and fall.

Futsal Court Development. The Futsal Court Program will continue in 2016 with the Foundation collaborating with Indy Parks, Indiana Soccer, Indy Eleven and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. Funding will continue to be

obtained through grants and fundraisers; the first court has opened at Rodius Park; and a plans will be created for the development of 10 more courts.

The Tournament Assistance Program (TAP). The Foundation’s TAP activities will continue to help support club hosted soccer tournament’s during 2016. Once the tournaments are sanctioned by the Indiana Soccer Tournament Committee, clubs can borrow items for their tournaments, in exchange for publicizing the Soccer Foundation. Items currently available include: Walkie Talkies, a variety of signage (3’ x 6’ size), tournament volunteer vests, field marshal vests, and a variety of forms for registration, waivers, emergency contact and medical release. In return, clubs are asked to: fulfill publicity requirements in a Letter of Agreement, pay for shipping costs to and from the tournament, return all borrowed items promptly, and pay a damage fee for items that are damaged while being used.

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE – HELPING US SUCCEED

There are so many ways you can help – volunteering on a committee, serving on our Board or donating time at an event. With your help, we CAN make a difference in the lives of children – through soccer!

To donate to the Indiana Soccer Foundation, please visit our website at www.indianasoccerfoundation.com, then click on DONATE, and to the red DONATE NOW! Button. Your donations are tax deductible. Feel free to contact me directly at dvinten@aol.com or contact me directly at 704-808-9206.

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