# 2024 Annual Report



#### Prepared by

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# **Queen City Korfball**

## **Mission**

Queen City Korfball is a sports-based youth development organization utilizing the co-ed sport of korfball to generate transformational impact for Greater Cincinnati area at-risk youth through free korfball training, skill-building, and cross-cultural connections.

## Programs







**Korf Kids** is our flagship program. Programming includes running korfball classes for 6-8 weeks (1-2 times a week) with local after school sites Grades 4+. Participants learn korfball tactics, take part in the *TrueSport* curricula, and learn valuable life skills.

**Friday Night Lights** serves as a safe place for youth to connect and play korfball during a time were there are fewer programs in place. We also continue the weekend action on Saturday Mornings with Saturday Hoops and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission on select Saturdays.

**Korfball Ambassadors** provides engaging and immersive school break experiences centered around service, teaching/playing korfball, trying new things, and traveling to new places outside our own backyard.

#### **Meet Our Team**





Jarod Crossty serves as the Treasurer for Queen City Korfball. Jarod works as a Lead Coach with Found Village--a local youth-development nonprofit. He knows the power of relationship when connecting with young people. Jarod knows that Queen City Korfball is onto something special as it opens doors for kiddos and welcomes in partnership. When Jarod is Korfing, you can find him cheering on his two daughters!



**Kyle Reiser** serves as the President for Queen City Korfball. Kyle is a member of the US National Korfball Team and an avid youth advocate. Kyle believes in the power of sport as a universal language that teaches beyond the rules of the game. He is excited to bring this movement to his hometown.



Judith Dea believes korfball doesn't just talk about equality and inclusion—it lives it. She discovered the sport in college in Germany and has been passionate about its values ever since. Now based in Florida, Judith is President of the U.S. Korfball Federation and proudly serves on Queen City Korfball's board, supporting its role as the U.S. flagship for youth development and its mission to share korfball's excitement and inclusivity with the next generation.



**Dave Morrison serves** as the Secretary for Queen City Korfball. He is a professional videographer with a unique ability to tell stories through his craft. Dave enjoys being part of an organization that is "mixing it up" and enjoys the larger korfball community at work with Queen City Youth.



Jeanne Reiser is a big believer in youth and sees korfball as an amazing opportunity for all those that participate. Jeanne works as an accountant and supports Queen City Korfball in so many ways! Jeanne is an active member of the Sharonville Business Chamber and enjoys hanging out with her grandkids.



Samantha Rice is a passionate advocate for youth development and an enthusiastic member of the Queen City Korfball board. With a deep belief in the power of sports to teach essential life skills like teamwork, communication, and confidence, Samantha is committed to making korfball accessible to children of all backgrounds. Her "why" for serving on the board is to inspire the next generation through inclusive opportunities for play and personal growth. Samantha is excited to support Queen City Korfball's mission of enriching the lives of young people in Cincinnati.

## Accomplishments











- · Board established
- Community Leaders Institute Graduate with Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- 5 Korfball sets of equipment acquired
- Partnered with TrueSport for life-skills curriculum

"QUEEN CITY KORFBALL OFFERS A UNIQUE CULTURALLY ENRICHING EXPERIENCE THAT ALIGNS WITH OUR COMMITMENT TO BROADENING OUR STUDENTS' HORIZONS."

-- AW SCHOOL

- Over 50 PE Class assemblies provided
- Over 3000 kids have played korfball in the Greater Cincinnati Area in 2024
- Established recurring partnership sites with Norwood City Schools, Cincinnati Public Schools, Saturday Hoops, Cincinnati Recreation Commission, North Fairmount Community Center, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati, & more!
- Hosted the US National Korfball Championship & local youth crowned National Champions

"KORFBALL IS SO MUCH MORE THAN A SPORT... IT IS COMMUNITY. WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR QUEEN CITY KORFBALL TO BE A PART OF OUR FAMILY."

-- INTERNATIONAL KORFBALL FEDERATION

- Over \$35,000 raised
- Launched Friday Night Lights & Korf Kids Programs
- · Established Korfball Ambassador Program application
- Korfball halftime shows at local universities
- Preliminary survey data suggest that programming is having a positive impact on participant mental health and social emotional skill-set

"IT'S SO GREAT TO HAVE A SPORT WHERE OUR YOUNG MEN & WOMEN WORK TOGETHER."
-- ROLL HILL SCHOOL

## **Grant Awards**



"KORFBALL IS MY VERY FIRST TEAM. IT IS FUN TO PLAY WITH EVERYONE BECAUSE WE ARE ALL LEARNING KORFBALL!"

--KORFBALL YOUTH

### \$33,000 AWARDED THROUGH THESE GENEROUS SUPPORTERS













### **SUPPORTERS**

#### **Korfball Champion Donors**

Doug & Claire Colton-Luby, Jeff & Katie Zaenger, Justin & Britt Khol, Joe & Becky Caione, John & Bri Callison, Alex & Vanessa Stahler, Matt Adair, Eric Russo, Jeff Kersey, Will Johnson, Elizabeth Susong, Paula & Bruce Watson, Nick & Mel Shaver, Nathan & Jennifer Ziegler, Judith Dea, Lariel Bautista, John Klingler, Samantha Bates, Laura & Kevin Sullivan, Angela Reiser, Laura Bange, Utz Snacks, & First Commonwealth Bank



"I CAN'T WAIT TO PLAY AT THE COLLEGE & PLAY OTHER TEAMS WHEN WE GO TO ALABAMA ON SPRING BREAK!"
--KORFBALL AMBASSADOR

#### **Korfball Champion Partners**

Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati, Roll Hill School, Sayler Park School, Saturday Hoops, YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, North Fairmount Community Center, Norwood City Schools, Norwood Recreation Center, Avenues for Success, Joe Williams Family Center Lower Price Hill, LiFEsports at Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati School of Education and Human Services, Queen City Sportsplex, UpSpring, TrueSport, ProBono Partnership of Ohio, Reiser & Company, LLC., Dave Morrison Video Production, Flying Pig Marathon, 7 Hills Neighborhood Houses, Dive Right, Cincinnati Gladiator Handball, Found Village, United States Korfball Federation, Indian Mound Cafe, Cincinnati Gives, Cincinnati Cougars, Cincinnati Sizzle, Project Yoga, Villages at Roll Hill Community Center, Mount Saint Joseph University, Northern Kentucky University, and more!

## 2025



#### We are excited for year two in 2025!

#### We have several goals for next year:

- Establish six recurring sites for the 25/26 school year
- Measure program impact via survey and focus groups with youth
  - Begin Ambassador Program/Trips to Birmingham & Chicago
    - Raise \$50,000 to bring on an executive director



"THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING FOR KORFBALL!"
--BOARD TREASURER JARROD CROSSTY

More information can be found at www.queencitykorfball.org or by scanning below:

