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William H. Adams Foundation Receives Youth First Grant

Foundation to launch soccer development program in East Columbus

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The William H. Adams Youth Foundation has been awarded a grant from the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department under its Youth First Program. The Foundation will use the Youth First Grant to establish the East Columbus Soccer Development Program (ECSO). The program will help players from low-income families develop the advanced skills necessary for competitive club or high school teams.

The Foundation will partner with the William H. Adams Community Recreation Center at Krumm Park and the Columbus East Soccer Association (CESA) to implement the program. The Columbus East Soccer Association offers a dedicated soccer program with emphasis on player development within a team structure. The CESA coaching curriculum and philosophy emphasizes teaching technical skills and tactical awareness.

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's Youth First Grant program, created in 2012, increases opportunities across the City for youths to participate in organized sports at a reasonable cost. The program is open to organizations that work with middle school age youths in Columbus. The goal of the Youth First program is to give middle school kids interested in playing a particular sport the opportunity to do so, regardless of skill level, experience or economic status. For program details visit the CRPD website at: www.crpdsports.org.

About the Foundation

The William H. Adams Youth Foundation supports programs and opportunities for residents of East Columbus in Education, Health & Wellness, Personal Growth & Responsibility and Community Service. The Foundation provides financial support for qualifying programs offered by the William H. Adams Community Recreation Center, East Columbus Elementary School, the Boy Scouts of America and other organizations that serve the East Columbus neighborhood. The Foundation is a tax exempt, nonprofit association registered with the Ohio Secretary of State and the IRS. Additional information can be found on the website at www.WHAdamsFoundation.org.

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