

## The love.fútbol for All Team Challenge



We envision a day when all youth have a safe, dependable place to fulfill their passion for soccer.

### **love.fútbol for All**

love.fútbol for All is a movement for and by the global soccer community to provide all youth with the right to fulfill their passion for soccer.

### **Team Challenge**

The challenge is for you and your team to take action and become active members of this movement.

Your team can connect with an underserved community abroad to help them achieve their dream of providing their youth with a safe place to play the game we all love.

### **The Experience**

We at love.fútbol want this to be a rewarding experience for you, your team and those who support your effort. Similarly to how we work with communities abroad, we aim to empower our youth soccer community at home to do something meaningful and take action. Our primary goal is for you to become engaged as an active member of this movement and take ownership over our shared mission of providing all youth with the right to a safe place to play soccer.

### **Participants**

Any team can join us in this mission and an amount of five hundred dollars raised will earn membership in love.fútbol for All. We encourage all teams to strive to reach the most possible, but please know any contribution helps keep children off the streets and on a soccer field. Set your goal and join the movement today!

### **Support**

We will help your team meet this challenge, but the experience is in your hands. We have suggestions – host a car wash, throw a soccer tournament, start a letter writing campaign or think new, bigger and better – we encourage your creativity. Ask us anytime for further suggestions, advice on how to carry out your initiative and/or promotional materials, and we will help create a meaningful and successful experience.

To begin, please contact love.fútbol for All Director Mano Silva, at [mano@lovefutbol.org](mailto:mano@lovefutbol.org).



Girls from the village of Xejuyú, Guatemala proudly stand around the logo of Real Bethesda, an under-16 girls soccer team from Bethesda, Maryland that met the love.fútbol for All Team Challenge.

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## ***Providing the Right to Play in Xejuyú***

love.fútbol completed its sixth project, in Xejuyú, in January 2010. At the inauguration celebration in Xejuyú, pictured on the right, youth played on their own, real soccer field for the first time, and took a moment to thank Real Bethesda.

Through the *love.fútbol for All Team Challenge*, two communities of vast cultural and linguistic differences – Real Bethesda and Xejuyú – formed a unique connection based on their shared passion for soccer.



Children in Xejuyú created thank you drawings and letters for Real Bethesda – note the small American flag in the upper left corner of the left-hand photo. love.fútbol presented the drawings to Real Bethesda at the *love.fútbol for All Team Challenge* award ceremony in May, 2010, pictured at the top of page one.

## ***The Movement Grows***

Real Bethesda's commitment to love.fútbol is just the beginning. love.fútbol is already involving several teams in proving youth abroad with the opportunity to safely enjoy the game they love and also plans to work with the team's leaders to develop our *love.fútbol for All Youth Ambassador* program.

Coach Felix Laboy says the *love.fútbol for All Team Challenge* is a great opportunity to help young people, especially young women, in another country: "Our team is fortunate to have access to good quality soccer fields for practice[s] and games... The players not only love to play soccer but also have compassion for helping others. love.fútbol was an obvious choice for our charitable efforts as a team."



*The love.fútbol Patch is more than a piece of cloth— it is a symbol of action. The Patch can only be earned and is not for sale. To wear it, is to be an agent of change and pledge commitment to a global effort—love.fútbol for All.*

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