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THE DICK'S SPORTING GOODS FOUNDATION CELEBRATED SPORTS MATTER DAY IN HOUSTON BY DONATING SPORTS EQUIPMENT TO 10,000 LOCAL YOUTH

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World Series Champion & MVP Jeremy Peña and Basketball Hall of Famer Sheryl Swoopes partnered with The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation to give back to youth athletes from under-resourced Houston communities

HOUSTON, Dec. 5, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation's Sports Matter Giving Truck made its third tour stop in 2022 in Houston on Saturday, Dec. 3, gifting 10,000 youth athletes with sports equipment and hosting more than 500 kids for Sports Matter Day at the University of Houston Campus Recreation & Wellness Center.

Experience the full interactive Multichannel News Release here: **https://www.multivu.com/players/English/88582512-the-dicks-sporting-goods-foundation-sports-matter-day-donation-to-houston-youth/**

The DICK'S Foundation surprised the group of youth athletes in attendance by partnering with World Series Champion & MVP Jeremy Peña of the Astros and Hall of Famer and former Houston Comets All-Star Sheryl Swoopes, who spent time coaching, mentoring and playing alongside kids at the event.

In partnership with national nonprofit **Good Sports**, The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation provided 10,000 youth athletes from 29 Houston-area youth sports organizations with equipment kits containing apparel, sports-specific

training gear, water bottles and more, to encourage participation in sports.

The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation and **Beyond Sport** also offered coaches of participating Sports Matter Day organizations fully funded leadership training courses to provide them with tools to help deepen their impact within their communities. The first course was an in-person workshop titled, Coaching with Empathy. Additional courses will cover a variety of topics such as fundraising, governance and stakeholder engagement.

"Sports Matter Day in Houston was a huge success that enabled us to share the gift of sport with thousands of incredible and deserving kids in Houston," said Aimee Watters, Executive Director of The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation. "We are so thankful for all of our partners who helped to make this a great day and proud to have partnered with Beyond Sport for the first time to offer life-changing leadership and development workshops for coaches who continually invest their time in youth sports."

Houston Sports Matter Day was fueled by in-kind donations from Gatorade and Honey Stinger. **The Gatorade Fuel Tomorrow** program enhanced the experience for participating kids by providing hydration stations and signature Gatorade Sideline Towels, while **Honey Stinger** donated more than $30,000 worth of sports nutrition products to keep participants fueled throughout the day.

Since 2014, DICK'S and The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation have committed more than $150 million to support young athletes. Sports Matter raises awareness for the youth sports funding crisis as the fight to save youth sports continues across the U.S. The first Sports Matter tour began in 2020 and since then, more than 75,000 gifts of sports equipment has been gifted to youth across the country.

For more information on how your team can apply for funding or to donate to Sports Matter, please visit **SportsMatter.org**.

About DICK'S Sporting Goods

DICK'S Sporting Goods (NYSE: DKS) creates confidence and excitement by personally equipping all athletes to achieve their dreams. Founded in 1948 and headquartered in Pittsburgh, the leading omnichannel retailer serves athletes and outdoor enthusiasts in more than 850 DICK'S Sporting Goods, Golf Galaxy, Field & Stream, Public Lands, Going Going Gone! and Warehouse Sale stores, online, and through the DICK'S mobile app. DICK'S also owns and operates DICK'S House of Sport and Golf Galaxy Performance Center, as well as GameChanger, a youth sports mobile app for scheduling, communications, live scorekeeping and video streaming.

Driven by its belief that sports make people better, DICK'S has been a longtime champion for youth sports and, together with its Foundation, has donated millions of dollars to support under-resourced teams and athletes

through the Sports Matter program and other community-based initiatives. Additional information about DICK'S business, corporate giving, sustainability efforts and employment opportunities can be found on **dicks.com**, **investors.dicks.com**, **sportsmatter.org**, **dickssportinggoods.jobs** and on **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram**.

About The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation

The DICK'S Sporting Goods Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation with a mission to inspire and enable sports participation. It was created by DICK'S Sporting Goods as a private corporate foundation to support DICK'S charitable and philanthropic activities. Driven by its belief that sports make people better, The DICK'S Foundation champions youth sports and provides grants and support to under-resourced teams and athletes through its Sports Matter program and other community-based initiatives. Additional information about The DICK'S Foundation can be found on **sportsmatter.org** and on **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram**.

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