

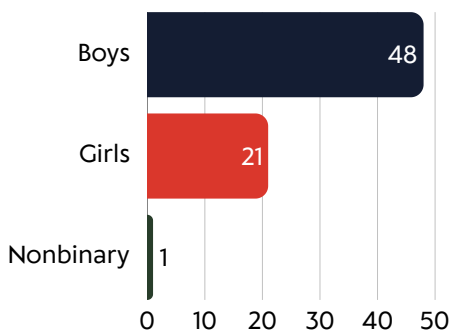


The Hearts of Pine Foundation celebrates community in all we do. Soccer is a bridge across culture and class, a source of joy, confidence, health, and belonging. Through soccer, we combat isolation, build life skills, and create pathways to opportunity across our beloved State of Maine.

OUR PROGRAMMING | PORTLAND SOCCER PROJECT - SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

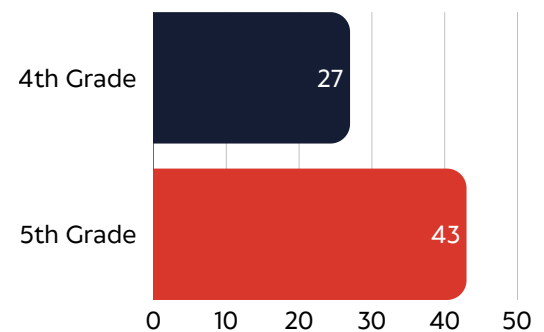
Portland Soccer Project is a free youth development afterschool program that uses soccer as a vehicle for building life and leadership skills. Students learn to drive and take ownership of sessions through experimenting with conflict resolution, and positive teamwork. All while experiencing the joy and health benefits of playing soccer.

OUR STUDENT ATHLETES



70
Total
Participants
76%
are BIPOC

67%
Speak Multiple
Languages
81%
Attendance



101
Sessions
Delivered

24
Weekly Life
Skills Discussed

OUR IMPACT

215
Hours of
Programming

3
HoP Games
Attended

OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS

East End Community School, **83 sessions**,
3 afternoons per week, lead by HoPF staff and volunteers

Talbot Community School, **18 sessions**, 2 afternoons a week,
co-lead by HoPF staff and Talbot teachers



“The Portland Soccer Project doesn’t just teach the game; it invests in our students’ potential, providing them with the support and space they need to practice becoming the leaders of tomorrow.”

**Kelly Thornhill, Assistant Principal,
East End Community School**

“What makes this program truly special is that while it may be based around the game of soccer, it is not about teaching soccer skills. It’s built around life lessons that students can carry with them long after they leave the pitch.”

**Noah Kerrigan, 5th Grade Teacher,
Talbot Community School**

OUR TEAM

2

Part-Time
Foundation
Staff

4

Program
Support
Staff

8

Volunteers



LOOKING FORWARD

Dear Community,

Thank you for your energy, enthusiasm, and support in getting the Hearts of Pine Foundation off the ground! Our small but mighty team and dedicated volunteers touched the lives of seventy students in Portland this school year. Through soccer, we learned teamwork, leadership, conflict resolution – and had a safe and fun place to play after school.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to continue working with the amazing students at East End Community School and Talbot Community School — and to expand our programming to Biddeford Intermediate School and Wiscasset Elementary School. This growth comes through partnerships with the University of New England and MaineHealth's Shaw Challenge, a statewide initiative to address youth mental health in schools and out-of-school time programs.

The Foundation has also embarked on a project to build futsal courts across Maine, modeled after Portland's Kennedy Park. We are dedicated to a Maine where everyone has access to soccer as a vehicle for community, health, and fun.

Support local, play free: the way soccer should be!

Cheers,

The Hearts of Pine Foundation Team

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