



Boston Youth Sports News

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Promoting Physical Activity and Positive Development in Boston's Girls: GoGirlGo! Boston

GoGirlGo! Boston continues their active role in the local Boston community - through creating sports and physical activity opportunities for girls and young women. This past summer, GoGirlGo! Boston hired a new Director - Denise Duquette. Denise comes to GoGirlGo! with experience in teaching life skills to youth in the states and working to empower impoverished women in Guatemala.



On a Saturday morning this fall (October 22nd), student-athletes of Northeastern University, representatives from other physical activity focused organizations, and 130 girls from Boston came together to participate in a day of physical activity and fun. Organized by GoGirlGo!, this event was the inaugural "Campus Challenge" whereby young girls were exposed to the Northeastern campus and community and had the chance to take part in 5 different physical activities. Represented at the event were the following activities and leading organizations:

- Soccer: *Soccer1*
- Line Dancing: *Body by Brandy (Brandy Cruthird)*
- Bike Riding: *Bikes Not Bombs*
- Fitness Fusion: *Healthworks Foundation*
- Double-Dutch Jump Rope: *Beantown Jumpers*

The participants rotated through the different activities with groups that were led by Northeastern

student-athletes from the basketball, volleyball, and soccer teams. Overall, the event was a great success - by bringing together different local organizations to work together as well as providing a number of youth with new opportunities to be physically active, increase their comfort zone, and meet new friends.

Looking forward, Denise, the board of directors, and other GoGirlGo! staff are working hard to determine future aims for the organization. In fact, this fall they decided that they will soon release a new curriculum. The new curriculum was developed after incorporating feedback from programs across the nation who use the GoGirlGo! curriculum. Also, of interest for groups who work with youth on the younger end - the new curriculum will include a component for girls aged 5-7 years. GoGirlGo! offers [curriculums](#) which can be downloaded online for free, and can help youth-serving organizations better serve girls and young women.

Be on the lookout for future programs and events from GoGirlGo! Boston and the Women's Sports Foundation!

[Learn more about the GoGirlGo! program and its impact on communities across the nation](#)

Grant and Funding Listings

Upcoming Deadlines

- > [Responsible Sports Community Grants, Liberty Mutual](#), 11/30
- > [Hyams Foundation](#), 12/1
- > [Run for Good Program, Saucony](#), 12/13
- > [NFL Youth Football Fund, Local Initiatives Support Corporation](#), 12/16
- > [US Soccer Foundation, Soccer for Success](#), 12/22
- > [Facility Assistance, U.S. Tennis Association](#), 12/31

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YOUTH SPORT POSITIONS

- > Youth Soccer Skills Instructor, East Boston YMCA
- > Coach Across America Program Assistant, MetroLacrosse
- > Youth Sports Instructor, Oak Square YMCA
- > Executive Assistant, Tenacity
- > Director of Annual Giving and Special Events, Tenacity
- > Part time Tennis Instructor, Tenacity

VOLUNTEER

- > Volunteer Assistant Soccer Coach, America SCORES New England
- > Volunteer Referee, America SCORES New England
- > Volunteer Girls Basketball Refs, Playworks

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TRAINING/EVENTS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- > The Power of Individual Donors, Third Sector New England, 1/19/12
- > How to Secure Funding from Foundations, GrantStation, 12/8
- > Using Outcome Data to Tell Your Story, GrantStation, 12/1
- > Fundraising that Works: Moving Beyond Emotions and Volunteers, GrantStation, 12/7

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The Boston Youth Sports Initiative (BYSI) promotes youth sports as a positive youth development and physical fitness approach. Working with and for Boston's urban youth sports programs and supporters, BYSI encourages, strengthens, and builds network connections, with the goals of improved information sharing, quality, scale, and sustainability in the sector. BYSI is a strategic initiative of Boston After School & Beyond. A key part of the BYSI is the newsletter which is edited by Janice M. Epstein.

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