



Dear Friend,

As Safe4Athletes continues our mission, we would like to say many thanks to all of our donors for their continued support. Your help makes the good work of Safe4Athletes possible. It is because of your support that we are successfully “giving every athlete a voice” at every level of sports, from open amateur club sports programs to NCAA Division I athletics and beyond.

Sadly, the mission of Safe4Athletes hasn't left the headlines since we began this journey. We need your continued help more than ever. The need for change, resources and education across the sports community is at a vulnerable place and Safe4Athletes would like to continue to be leader in the necessary change needed to address these issues.

We have taken many steps forward this year in advocating for a safe and positive environment for every athlete, free of abuse, bullying and harassment:

- We have been influential in the banning and suspension of several coaches and athletes that have violated Safe Sport or Safe4Athletes policies.
- We started to create online educational videos explaining the Safe4Athletes program with hopes to continue to expand this library to include education on all forms of abuse and bullying.
- We continue to maintain a high quality website, Safe4Athletes.org, and have continued to add resources, providing valuable educational materials for thousands of users
- We have continued to speak to clubs and universities all over the country, directly educating athletes, coaching staff and parents on the Safe4Athletes program.
- We have responded to the calls from many victims and parents of victims who are requesting our help with current issues ranging from taking action in the case of severe abuse to advocating for state legislation to make current laws more effective.
- We continue to promote the athletes voice at the local, regional and national level of sports by advocating for stronger policies and better systems in place to respond to the athletes needs for a safer sports environment.

Our goals for the coming year include more direct outreach with youth sports programs, continued development of online material and speaking at conference around the athletic community. And of course, we will continue to be available to athletes in need of resources and assistance.

We have however made a decision to stop using social media outlets due to the sensitivity of these conversations, and will make our efforts thru direct contact. While this means increased expenses, we feel this step will have more lasting effects on the advancement of the issue.

We hope that you will help us continue our important work. Whether it's a gift to support our non-profit programs, a willingness to share our materials with your friends, hosting a fundraiser and educational program in your sports community or home, or volunteering to work on a project, we would be grateful for your involvement.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you would like to explore other ways to make a difference. Again, thanks so much for your support!

With thanks,

Katherine Starr