

## The Benefits of PLAY!

Research has shown that children who participate in sports attend school more, are more community and civic minded, get in less trouble, and tend to be more successful in the workplace. Listed below are a few examples of the positive impact sports participation has on children.

- 92% lower drug use risk in adolescents who play youth sports
- 82% lower chance of unwanted teen pregnancies in girls that play sports
- 50% of youth who play sports perform better in school, do not drop out, and have a better chance of attending college
- 26% drop in obesity rates for teens that play on two or more sports teams over the course of a year
- 80% of women identified as key leaders in Fortune 500 companies participated in sports during their childhood.



# CHASE LOVELESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



## ICRC Athletics Complexes

**Crooked Creek Park**  
1098 Old Lexington Highway  
Chapin, SC 29036  
803-345-6181

**Seven Oaks Park**  
200 Leisure Lane  
Columbia, SC 29210  
803-772-3336

The Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission's (ICRC) goal is to provide safe, accessible, quality programs that support a healthy, vital and creative community.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF PLAY!



## Everyone Plays...

The Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission (ICRC) is committed to making sure all children in our community have the opportunity to play youth sports. To ensure programs are financially accessible to all, the Commission maintains the *Chase Loveless Memorial Scholarship Fund* which offers partial and full scholarships to children based on need. The *Chase Loveless Memorial Scholarship Fund* is made possible through donations from businesses and individuals like you.

## Your Donation Matters

Last year alone, ICRC provided more than 250 children with athletic scholarships for various team sports including baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, track and wrestling. Scholarships offer players of all backgrounds the opportunity to reach their full potential; building confidence, self-esteem character, and self-discipline. These are skills that can be transferred from the athletic field to the classroom, to a career, helping prepare young people to successfully compete in life. Here are a few ways sports positively influence a child's development and serve as an avenue for teaching valuable life lessons:

- Appreciation for an active lifestyle
- Positive self-image through mastering skills
- Teamwork
- Social skills
- Leadership
- Responsibility
- Managing success and disappointment
- Fair play and sportsmanship
- Respect for others

## Give the Gift of Play

Through donations, ICRC provides the opportunity for you to invest in the health, success and lives of local youth athletes. Imagine seeing a child's excitement when they score their first touchdown and watching the camaraderie they develop with their teammates.

ICRC's goal is to encourage and inspire our fellow Sports Enthusiasts to participate in the practice of giving back. Your donations to the *Chase Loveless Memorial Scholarship Fund* can change a child's life.

So give the gift of PLAY!

## Make a Donation

\$60

will provide **two children** the opportunity to play **one season** of youth sports

\$180

will provide **six children** the opportunity to play **one season** of youth sports

\$360

will provide **one team** the opportunity to play **one season** of youth sports

## Contact us

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*The evidence supporting sports participation for young people is overwhelming...It has the power to combat everything from racism to low self-image, to the high-school drop-out rate."*

(Sue Castle, Executive Producer of PBS Sports: Get in the Game)



**YES! I would like to make a donation to the Chase Loveless Memorial Scholarship Fund.**

Please accept my donation of  \$60  \$180  \$360  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for helping improve the lives of children in our community. All donations are tax deductible and will be applied toward the Chase Loveless Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please make check payable to ICRC.