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Field of Dreams Academy selected for the FIFA Global Citizen Education Fund - One of 27 beneficiaries that are receiving grants to expand access and improve children's education.

Atlanta, GA — May 15, 2026 — The Field of Dreams Academy is proud and honored to announce that we have been selected as part of the inaugural cohort of grantees for the FIFA Global Citizen Education Fund.

We are one of 27 grassroots organizations across 10 countries recognized for outstanding work in expanding access to education and sport for children and young people.

Collectively, our organizations are reaching tens of thousands of young people — in some cases, in places where fewer than 15% of students' complete secondary school and their poverty rates exceed 60%.

“The FIFA Global Citizen Education Fund’s support powerfully affirms our mission and vision to create meaningful, lasting changes in the lives of the youth we serve through the transformative impact of education and sport. What an extraordinary honor... our work is being recognized on a global stage!” says Terry Johnson, Executive Director of Field of Dreams Academy.

Click on this link to learn more about our work and the fund here: <http://globalcitizen.org/education-fund-grantees>



The FIFA Global Citizen Education Fund is a new initiative to expand access to quality education and football for children in more than 200 communities around the world. The FIFA and Global Citizen launched the Fund with the goal of mobilizing USD \$100 million by the 2026 World Cup Final. To date, the Fund has raised over USD \$30 million, with contributions from philanthropies, major brands and corporations, individual donors, and proceeds from ticket sales to major music and sporting events.



Global Citizen is the world's largest movement to end extreme poverty. The organization's impact is powered by an international community of everyday advocates who take action and amplified by campaigns that convene leaders in music, entertainment, public policy, media, philanthropy, and the private sector. To date, more than USD \$50 billion in commitments announced on Global Citizen platforms has been deployed, impacting 1.3 billion lives.



The Field of Dreams Academy is a 501c3 sports-based youth development, non-profit organization whose primary mission is to EDUCATE, EXPOSE and ENDOW opportunities to youth from underrepresented and underserved communities who have the talent, passion, and skill to excel in academics, athletics, and character leadership development! Our core sports are auto racing, baseball, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, and volleyball. Our focus is to EXPAND their knowledge based using the field of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM), as our framework. Our objective is to provide and foster a learning environment where social-emotional learning (SEL) is encouraged so that our youth can sense and understand his or her purpose and self-confidence in the classroom, home and among their peers. Our goal is for every youth who participates in the Field of Dreams Academy to have a positive impact on his or her community by becoming transformative leaders!

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