



Dear _____,

Westchester's Pride Falcons Volleyball Club is looking to form partnerships with local agencies such as yours to help support disadvantaged athletes in the community. Sports have consistently proven to promote both strong mental and physical health in young students, and our program looks to help with the development of both. As a former recipient of an athletic scholarship from Sacred Heart University, current High School coach and Director of the WP Club, I know firsthand how athletics helped me stay fit and focused throughout my scholastic career.

College athletics opened doors for me and many others that I know may have otherwise been closed. Currently, I am a volleyball coach at Woodlands High School, and the passion that I have for the sport is now translated into fostering young athletes' growth both on and off the court. I emphasize both "on" and "off" as I value their scholastic achievements with the same importance as I do the physical effort they exude in volleyball. One of the hardest things to observe is the evolution of an incredible high school athlete who graduates and never moves on to be anything more than a supermarket cashier. Too often, I see this story play out.

Two years ago I started a traveling program for volleyball athletes in the off season and the feedback was tremendous. However, more than 80% of my girls could not afford the program even though ours is the least expensive in the area by a large margin. Although other coaches and I were able to coordinate a modest amount of scholarships, a lack of funding forced us to turn away many athletes who I knew had so much potential. My goal is to one day soon not have to turn away any athlete that wants to better themselves and use our club as an opportunity to get to college.

In an earlier conversation you mentioned that athletics open doors for children who might not otherwise have the opportunity, and I see this proven with my athletes every day. After seeing your commitment to multiple communities and research I know that our missions are similar: encouraging people to live healthy lives and giving them the tools that they deserve to succeed. I would love to further discuss how your agency may be able to assist us with our very same mission.

I understand you may be already supporting several programs and causes, but I pray that you have room for another with an amazing cause.

Thank you so much for your time and I hope we can talk soon to discuss Westchester Pride Falcon Volleyball Club and what contributions this program could bring to our community. Hopefully we can help another set of athletes ***Level the Playing Field***.

More information can be found on our website ladyfalconsvolleyball.com .

Best Wishes,

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