Stand Together is the relationship between the Portland Timbers, Portland Thorns FC and our fans and signifies the strong commitment we have to being champions on and off the field.

$670,000+ given in-kind, cash, and experiential donations

100% player participation across 500+ community events

OVER $5 MILLION donated since 2011

We harness the power of sport to improve the lives of children and families through targeted programs, deep partnerships and philanthropic giving within the following focus areas:

Activity and Wellness - Education - Environmental Awareness - Kick Childhood Cancer
ACTIVITY / WELLNESS

With an emphasis on soccer and inclusiveness, embracing diversity and all ability levels
174 nearly indestructible One World Play Project balls donated through the Global Assists Program

4,794 free of charge match tickets donated to underserved youth through Tix for Kids

2 futsal courts built through the Fields For All Initiative at Tom McCall Upper Elementary School
CHAMPIONS OF PLAY

Many local elementary physical education programs are severely lacking in budget and equipment for their students. To address the need in the community, the Champions of Play program donated over $10,000 in physical education equipment to ten of the highest need schools in the Portland metro area, whose average annual budget was $.13 cents per student, to inspire and enable their students to play every day.
GIRL STRONG

An inspiring day of empowerment, STEM and play for 100 underserved girls at Providence Park.

26 young girls honored as Girls of the Game

2 Special Olympics Unified Exchange matches to promote inclusion
MUSTAFA

Mustafa, a young Iraqi boy who was badly injured during a 2004 U.S. missile strike near Fallujah, received treatment for his injuries in Oregon. Being a big soccer fan, Mustafa and his mother received a special experience with the Portland Timbers during his visit. He attended Portland Timbers training to meet the team, complete with penalty kicks against goalkeeper, Jeff Attinella, and was presented with a personalized jersey from Diego Valeri. Mustafa joined the team for on-field warmups at the following rivalry match versus Seattle, and enjoyed the game as a VIP in the Keybank Club with his mother, Nidhal.

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EDUCATION
With an emphasis on fostering a lifetime love of learning and literacy, as well as STEM programming.
SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Portland Timbers started the season with a visit to Boise, Idaho to celebrate diversity and promote inclusion with the local community. Defender, Roy Miller and Stand Together ambassadors conducted a Positive Coaching Alliance workshop and spoke to the Idaho Juniors, a young multicultural team who received racist threats, to support them and showcase how soccer can be a tool to unite, not discriminate. The team concluded the season teaming up with the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality (RISE) to host two unique social justice workshops. The workshops brought players, middle and high school youth, police officers, parks and school district representatives together to discuss identity and perceptions, diversity, and breaking down barriers to build stronger communities.
Science of Soccer

Innovative week-long program in collaboration with Oregon Museum of Science and Industry to engage youth with the STEM involved in the sport of soccer.

Rose City Readers visits to local schools to encourage children to read every day.

Over $50,000 raised for student athlete scholarships through the 50/50 Raffle.
As part of the Rose City Readers Program, Portland Timbers goalkeeper Jeff Attinella, visited James John Elementary School to share his book “The Great Space Race” and encourage students to keep their minds active by reading every day. As a surprise, each of the 400+ students received a signed copy of the book to take home with them.
ENVIRONMENT
With an emphasis on building local awareness and activism.
200+ trees planted in SE Portland for Score a Goal Plant a Tree

12 Portland Timbers Community Fund grants to nonprofit organizations evoking positive change.

Beaverton Education Foundation
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Girls on the Run
Grow Portland

KairosPDX
Off the Sideline
Open School
Oregon Children’s Theatre

Oregon Zoo Foundation
Reading Results
Saturday Academy
Verde

2 community service projects to give back for Earth Day
7TH ANNUAL STAND TOGETHER WEEK

2,919 volunteer hours from 834 volunteers at 33 projects in 7 days
GREEN GAME

The first annual Green Game showcased a number of sustainability initiatives and local environmental organizations to celebrate Earth Day and the Greener Goals Week of Service. Activations included full team adidas Parley for the Oceans jerseys, sunflower seed giveaways upon entry, tree sapling giveaways upon exit, in-game “Eco-Tips” and a custom scarf sold in store to benefit Friends of Trees.
COMMUNITY MVPS

Portland Timbers player Zarek Valentin and Thorns FC player Emily Menges were honored as the 2018 Community MVPs. On their behalf, $2,500 was donated to the both the New Avenues for Youth Sexual & Gender Minority Youth Resource Center and the Bobby Menges I’m Not Done Yet Foundation.
KICK CHILDHOOD CANCER
Three special wishes for local children battling cancer...

JOSE, 8 YEARS OLD

DERRICK, 7 YEARS OLD

MARYN, 7 YEARS OLD
Maryn, a 7-year old girl battling stage IV brain cancer, became an honorary Thorns FC player for her birthday week! Maryn met the team, watched training and scored goals on Tobin Heath and Megan Klingenberg. At the following match, Maryn walked out in team procession, was sang happy birthday by the 18,000+ fans, received her own rose crown and was carried up the Capo stand to the cheering supporters at the end of the match.

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