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.

$915K +
Given in-kind cash & experiential donations

100%
Player participation across 500+ community events

$6M +
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 & Wellness

With an emphasis on soccer and inclusiveness, embracing all ability levels

- 2,688 free of charge match tickets donated to underserved youth through Tix for Kids
- 2 futsal courts built through the Fields For All initiative at Woodburn High School
- Girl Strong: An inspiring day of empowerment, STEM and play for 75 underserved girls at the Timbers Training Facility.
- 22 young girls honored as Girls of the Game
- 2 Special Olympics Unified Exchange matches to promote inclusion

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 presented by Allstate, donated $12,500 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.
Education

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

- 45 Rose City Readers visits to local schools to encourage children to read every day.
- Over $45,000 raised for Special Olympics Oregon through the 50/50 Raffle
- Science of Soccer: Innovative week-long program in collaboration with OMSI to engage youth with the STEM involved in the sport of soccer.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Portland Timbers worked to address social justice issues through the PDX x ATL Teen Leadership Summit was created in partnership with Atlanta United and the Arthur Blank Foundation. The summit facilitated workshops on diversity, leadership and inclusion between students from different coasts. The workshops utilized interactive exercises for participants to explore identity, discover shared values and break down stereotypes to create a stronger community.
Environment

With an emphasis on building local awareness and activism

- 180+ trees planted in SE Portland for Score a Goal Plant a Tree
- 14 Portland Timbers Community Fund grants to nonprofit organizations evoking positive change
  - 4 Worlds United
  - Active Children Portland
  - Adaptive Sports NW
  - Betties360
  - Children’s Book Bank
  - Clackamas Women’s Services
  - Columbia Springs Education Center
  - Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors
  - Elite Sports Academy
  - Growing Gardens
  - Northwest Outward Bound
  - The Shadow Project
  - Street Soccer USA
  - Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation

8TH ANNUAL STAND TOGETHER WEEK

2,552 volunteer hours from 980 volunteers at 32 projects in 7 days.
BOBBY MENGES I’M NOT DONE YET FOUNDATION:
This September we highlighted Emily Menges and her family’s foundation, the I’m Not Done Yet Foundation. The I’m Not Done Yet Foundation aims to assist teen and young adult patients with cancer and other chronic medical conditions and give them support as they transition from childhood through adolescence to young adulthood while battling their condition. Stand Together participated in a donor match, sold I’m Not Done Yet t-shirts, and held an auction benefitting the foundation. Through these means we raised over $20,000 for the organization.

CHILDREN’S CANCER ASSOCIATION:
In partnership with the Children’s Cancer Association, three kids battling cancer drew soccer inspired designs that were turned into t-shirts. Weston, Emely and Peter wore their designs to the game, watched warmups from the Timbers bench and enjoyed a post-game meet and greet with Timber Joey, Emily Menges and Bill Tuiloma. The t-shirts and Timbers training tops were auctioned off and raised over $2,500 for CCA.

KINDNESS 911:
With the support of Kindness 911, four-year-old Camden attended a Timbers match. Camden is currently battling aggressive brain cancer. Camden helped Timber Joey prepare the victory log, watched warmups from the sideline, watched the match and met Diego Valeri after the game.
Community MVP

Portland Timbers players Zarek Valentin and Sebastián Blanco, alongside Thorns FC players Midge Purce and Hayley Raso were honored as the 2019 Community MVPs. On their behalf, donations were made to the following local organizations: the Boys and Girls Club, Latino Network, Pixie Project, Shriner’s Hospitals, and UCP Oregon.