



Krazy Crush Soccer Clinic – Taylor Whipple

My three friends, Ashton Goodhue-Nolte, Lindsey Kamerick, Madison Polley, and I attended the Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy last summer (Chicago 2009) and we finished our community service project on January 9, 2010. Our project was to introduce kids to soccer, get kids to sign up for soccer with the Carlisle Soccer Club which in turn would help increase funds for the club to help improve field conditions. In the past few years the Carlisle Soccer Club had made great strides in improving the field conditions, but with the failure of the well pump late last summer the fields returned to being full of sand burrs - ouch! The club is in desperate need for funds to pay for a costly irrigation system to keep the grass growing.

We held an indoor soccer clinic for kids ages 4-6. All kids who entered the clinic got a soccer ball and a "Krazy Crush Clinic" t-shirt. We ended up having about 8-10 people in a group (35 kids total). We went through several activities with the kids like Red Light Green Light, Ghostbusters, Tail Chase, and many others. Each activity had the use of both ball and no ball. We taught the kids what part of the foot to dribble with and how to shield the ball. The kids had a blast (as well as ourselves)! We had registration for spring soccer and information about our club available at the clinic and several kids registered. The board of directors was so impressed it will probably become an annual event. We owe a big thank you to our soccer helpers Emma Staecker, Madison Staecker, Valerie Goodhue-Nolte, Johanna Haack, Mariah Sadler, Jonathan Kamerick, Kyle Whipple, several parent helpers, and the CSC board for their support. The "Krazy Crush" clinic wouldn't have been such a success without the grant from the JFSLA, and donations from Sheels and Goodhue-Nolte Insurance.

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