



FOCA
Friends Of Cambridge Athletics

By sponsoring an athlete, donors help Teams and FOCA raise additional funds required to meet important supplemental needs falling outside of the current school department budget. Meanwhile the athlete provides valuable service to our community and builds relationships within and across the many participating athletes. Some projects will include coaching primary school youth in afterschool programs, visiting with elderly, and clean-up/maintenance of city parks and facilities.

Sponsor Name & Address: Mark "X" if requesting tax exempt receipt letter to be sent via email	Email (optional)	Donation Amount Indicate cash, web-based, or check – "S/WB/CH)"
	TOTAL	

Checks payable to: "Friends of Cambridge Athletics" (see address below if needed)
Web-Based Donation: Go to site below and indicate team name in 'notes' section
 P.O. Box 398099, Cambridge, MA 02139 <http://friendsofcambridgeathletics.org>



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Athlete's Name:	
Sport & Team:	

Events takes place rain, snow or shine. 7% of amount raised by each student-athlete goes to the FOCA Development Fund. See reverse for details about FOCA mission and function of fund raisers.

Our Mission: The purpose of FOCA shall be to assist in the development and funding of athletics in the Cambridge Public Schools.

Our Goals: FOCA is a volunteer, parent-led non-profit organization supporting Cambridge Rindge and Latin School athletic teams and clubs. FOCA collaborates with the Athletic Director, coaches, PE/Health staff and other school/city leaders to...

Provide Recognition

- Offer college scholarships for select graduating senior student athletes
- Support end-of-season awards for all teams and sponsor annual athletics awards for seniors

Conduct Advocacy

- Advocate within CPS for improvements in athletic and fitness programming, expansion of the student/athlete concept, and alignment with out-of-school youth sports programming

Lead Parent Engagement & Education

- Promote and guide effective parent, guardian and community engagement with athletics programming

Serve as a Booster Club

- Coordinate fundraisers for all Falcons teams during each season and serve as a fiscal conduit for all teams (this includes Fall 'Walking Serve-a-thon' and Spring 'City Run')
- Offer competitive grants to teams for equipment, services and training

Why is FOCA needed to help raise additional funds for CRLS athletics? FOCA supported fund raising enhances the quality of athletics by providing for goods, services and programming that often fall outside the CPS budget. These supplements also give coaches added encouragement, foster a greater sense of



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ownership among players, increase parent engagement, and help build community through the event nature of many fund raisers.

Why is it necessary to have a non-profit fiscal conduit? Supplemental funds cannot be held within the school/city accounts or by individual coaches or staff. It is therefore necessary to establish supporting 'booster clubs' like FOCA. As a non-profit FOCA provides for tax deductible donations, possesses an independent bank account with separate team accounts, and draws on parent volunteers for support and management.

How are the funds raised and used? Teams participate in fund-raising with coach and parent support. Proceeds are spent at the Athletic Director and coach discretion on goods and services. While most funds raised go directly to team accounts a percentage goes to the FOCA 'general fund'. These general funds are dispersed through a grant application process to which coaches apply. The fund also supports special projects. FOCA also sponsors special projects such as the School Store and launch of new programs like Rugby, Girls Hockey and between season fitness training. College scholarships are another destination for the general fund. For information visit website or contact Larry Childs: larschild@comcast.net