



The JT Dorsey Foundation

2025 Annual Report

Dear JTDF Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on 2025, I am incredibly proud of how the JT Dorsey Foundation continues to grow and evolve in our mission to empower youth through sport, education, and mentorship. This year, our impact reached new heights with 1,478 children participating in our Soccer for Success programming across Pennsylvania. Beyond learning the fundamentals of soccer, these young people are building confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of belonging. In fact, 81% of participants reported feeling more optimistic about their future, a powerful reminder that the game we love can change lives.

Our Skill School summer program also reached a new milestone. In partnership with Baller Goals, we integrated Mental Performance Coaching into our curriculum, giving players the tools to strengthen not only their physical skills but also their mindset, preparing them to perform their best on and off the field.

Meanwhile, our Future Leaders program celebrated another successful year. Ten remarkable students completed the program, and six ranked among the top 20 in their high school graduating classes. These young leaders are now pursuing higher education at prestigious institutions like Howard University, Bucknell University, Mount St. Mary's, Penn State, and Towson University. Their achievements exemplify what's possible when we invest in potential and provide consistent support.

As we look ahead, our commitment remains the same to create equitable access, nurture character, and provide meaningful opportunities for youth to thrive. None of this progress would be possible without our partners, volunteers, donors, and families who share in this vision. Thank you for standing with us as we continue to build strong, resilient communities through sport.

With deepest gratitude,

JT Dorsey
Executive Director, JT Dorsey Foundation

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Who We Are

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The JT Dorsey Foundation



We develop strong moral character, inspire academic excellence, and promote community involvement for under-resourced youth.

OUR MISSION: To provide wellness education, physical activity, mentoring, leadership, employment training, and a safe space for under-resourced children to grow up.

About Us

The JT Dorsey Foundation (JTDF) is a social impact, youth development organization that provides key services that are lacking, but necessary, in inner-city Pennsylvania communities.

The JTDF uses the medium of soccer to develop strong moral character, inspire academic excellence, and promote community involvement for participants. There are currently programs for youth ages 5-19 located in Coatesville, Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon, Pottstown, Philadelphia, and York, Pennsylvania.



At the JTDF,

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Our Purpose

WHAT'S THE WORK & WHY DO IT?

No other programs or organizations within the zip codes we serve provide programs such as this.

The JT Dorsey Foundation's work is rooted in using soccer as a platform to engage, educate, and empower youth, especially in under-resourced communities. But beyond the game, it's about creating pathways to success, building life skills, and fostering a sense of belonging and purpose.

JTDF organizes accessible soccer programs, offering structured training and league play. These programs teach fundamental skills, but more importantly, they offer children a safe space to play, develop, and connect with peers and mentors.

Through direct engagement with trained coach-mentors and volunteers, JTDF pairs young people with role models who offer guidance in personal and professional development. The programs encourage leadership, emotional intelligence, and goal-setting to help youth navigate the challenges of life.

By fostering a love for physical activity, teamwork, and character development, the JTDF contributes to healthier, more engaged communities. When youth are supported, encouraged, and empowered, the change positively affects families, schools, and the community.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025

A Year of Inspiring Change

The JT Dorsey Foundation achieved several milestones that have significantly impacted the lives of youth in Central Pennsylvania.

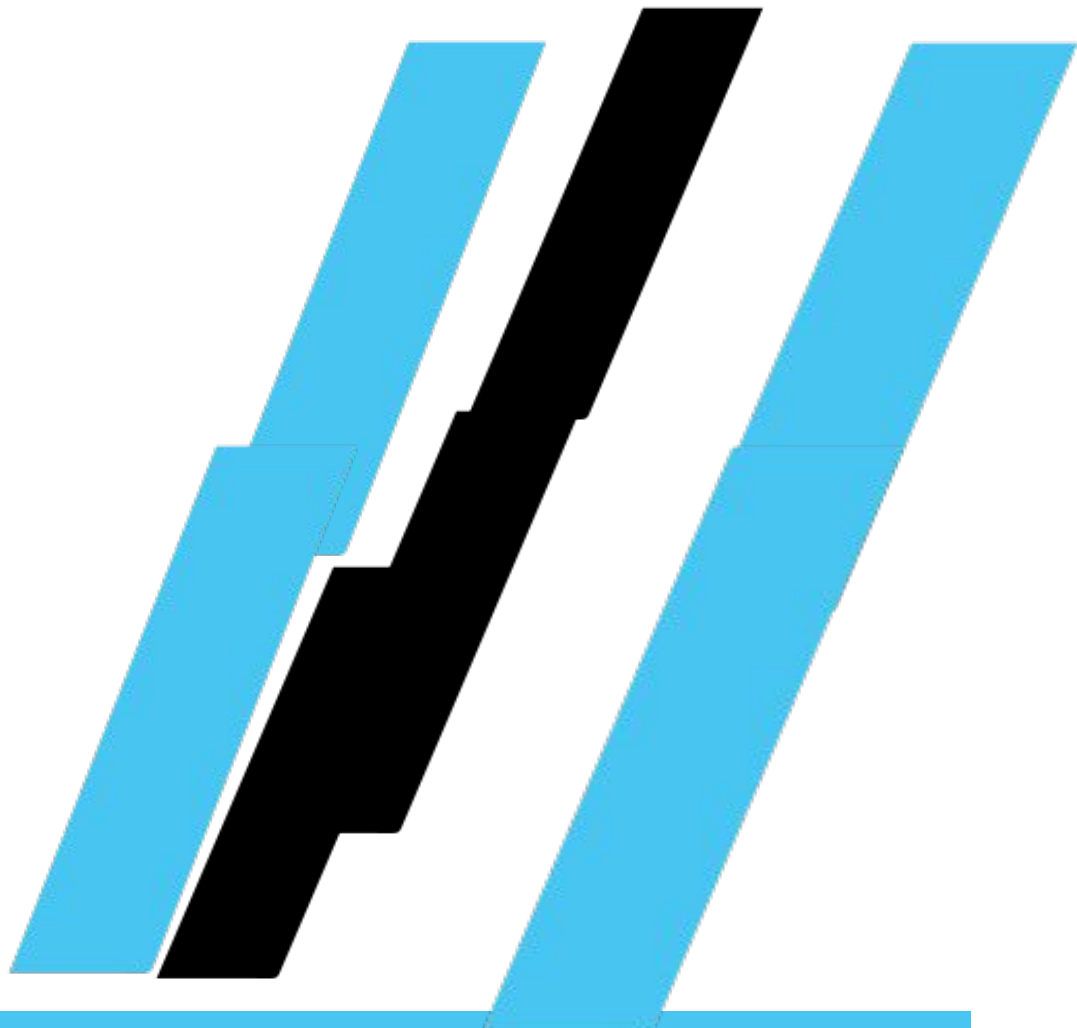
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In 2025, the JT Dorsey Foundation continued to expand its impact through the Soccer for Success program, engaging 1,478 children across Pennsylvania. While developing their skills on the field, participants are also gaining confidence, strengthening leadership abilities, and building a true sense of belonging. The impact goes far beyond the game, 81% of participants reported feeling more optimistic about their future, reinforcing the foundation's mission to use sport as a vehicle for lasting personal and community growth.



Awards + Recognition



JT and the JT Dorsey Foundation (JTDF) received several awards and recognitions this year in recognition of their continued impact through soccer and community engagement, including:

2025 Kim Crabbe Game Changer Award from the U.S. Soccer Foundation, honoring JT's leadership and commitment to expanding access to the game and using soccer as a tool for positive youth development.

Recognition for JT's community impact highlighted through his opportunity to walk out the match ball for the U.S. Women's National Team game on October 23, 2025, a meaningful acknowledgment of his influence both on and off the field.

Who We Serve

In 2025, 2,191 total youth worked hard and played hard in our programming, and over 82% of these kids were Black, Latinx, or students of color.

Our programs are designed to create a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment, allowing participants to develop not only athletic skills but also essential life and academic skills. We are proud to serve young individuals from various communities across Central Pennsylvania, fostering a sense of belonging and providing a platform for personal growth and leadership development for under-resourced youth.

We seek to provide necessary services by giving youth access to the transformative power of sports and mentorship, regardless of their background, identity, or socioeconomic status. Through mentorship, academic support, and soccer coaching, we are building future leaders who will positively impact their families, communities, and beyond.

Our commitment to equity drives us to serve youth from diverse backgrounds and varying socioeconomic circumstances. We provide equal opportunities for every young individual to thrive through soccer and mentorship.



Our Programs



Soccer for Success

Named for the US Soccer Foundation program of the same name, this comprehensive program combines soccer training with life skills education, promoting physical fitness, teamwork, and character development among youth in under-resourced communities.



Skill School

Skill School is an off-season training initiative designed to enhance youth soccer skills through focused drills and personalized coaching, fostering individual growth and teamwork.



Future Leaders

The Future Leaders program empowers motivated teens by providing mentorship, academic support, and career readiness training, equipping them with the skills and confidence needed to succeed in their future.





Soccer For Success

Building Skills and Community Through Soccer

Soccer transcends the boundaries of just being a game. In 2025, the Soccer for Success program harnessed the power of soccer to support the physical, mental, and overall well-being of children.

Led by trained coach-mentors, participants learned soccer fundamentals alongside essential social, emotional, and life skills, building confidence, teamwork, leadership, and resilience. Across thousands of program hours, the result is healthier, happier kids and stronger communities, with 81% of participants reporting they feel more optimistic about their future.

Each participant also received a soccer ball and jersey, reinforcing access and belonging. Every season concludes with an award ceremony for participants and their families, celebrating growth, effort, and achievement.

Future Leaders

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Creating Future Game Changers

The Future Leaders Program is designed to run from October to July each year. Participants engage in at least two one-hour soccer training sessions and two one-hour classroom sessions per month. The soccer skills sessions not only enhance our teens athletic abilities but also foster teamwork and discipline.

The classroom sessions focus on positive post-secondary outcomes, guided by program staff working closely with schoolteachers and guidance counselors to align with academic goals, setting participants up for long-term success on and off the field.

Future Leaders



The Future Leaders Program envisions a brighter future for youth from under-resourced communities by providing the resources and support needed to strengthen academic behaviors and leadership skills. This initiative empowers participants to break the cycle of poverty, equipping them with the mindset and tools to pursue diverse opportunities and make healthy, informed decisions. By combining structured soccer training with classroom-based learning and academic support, the program helps students build teamwork, discipline, and leadership both on and off the field.

Fast Facts:

- *In 2025, the program served 66 students ages 14–19*
- *43% of participants identified as female*
- *Over 10 participants will graduate this year, including one Salutatorian, highlighting both academic achievement and personal growth within the cohort*



The Goal

To make a lasting impact on the lives of youth from under-resourced communities, empowering them to overcome challenges, pursue their aspirations, and become leaders in their communities and beyond.



"I learned a lot about myself by participating in Future Leaders"
-Program Participant

Skill School



Elevating Performance and Confidence

Skill School is an innovative off-season training program designed to provide youth soccer players with the opportunity to refine their skills and enhance their overall game performance. This year, the program successfully engaged a diverse group of participants, focusing on essential soccer techniques and fostering personal development.



Throughout the program, participants engaged in a variety of activities focused on technical and physical development, including drills emphasizing ball mastery, dribbling, passing accuracy, turning, and basic defending. Players refined skill moves and finishing techniques while also participating in fitness and agility training designed to improve speed, coordination, and overall conditioning.

In 2025, Skill School also partnered with Baller Goals to introduce Mental Performance Coaching, expanding player development beyond physical ability to include mindset, confidence, and emotional resilience. Players learned strategies to manage pressure, set goals, and improve focus, with many quickly applying these lessons on the field—demonstrating stronger communication, self-control, and confidence. Parents and coaches alike noted a clear and immediate positive impact in how players approached challenges.

Fast Facts:

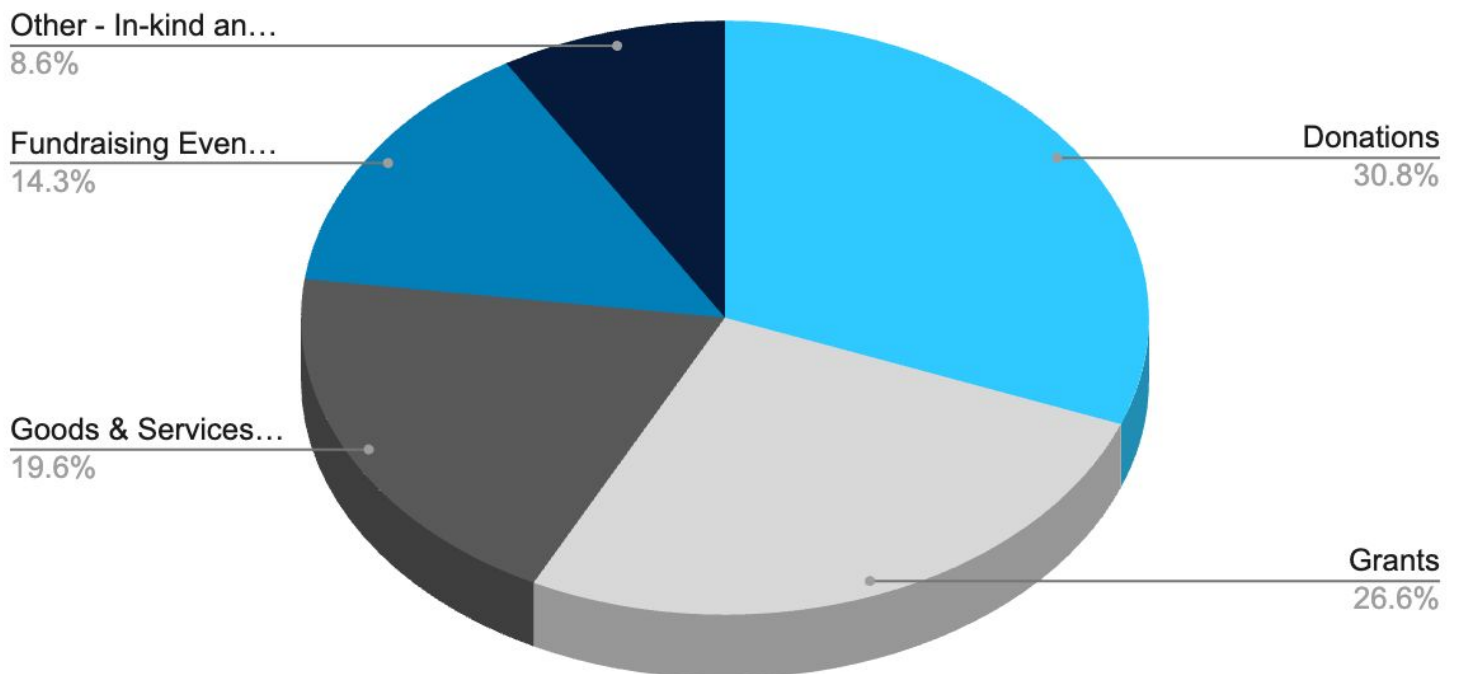
- **97% of players reported improving their skills through the program**
- **151 players participated in Skill School in 2025**
- **The integration of Mental Performance Coaching marked a key enhancement, strengthening both on-field performance and off-field mindset development**



REVENUE

Donations	\$113,508.57
Grants	\$40,481.89
Goods & Services (Programs)	\$37,736.40
Fundraising Event Revenue	\$21,255.48
Other - In-kind and interest	\$29,364.82

***Total: \$242,347.16**



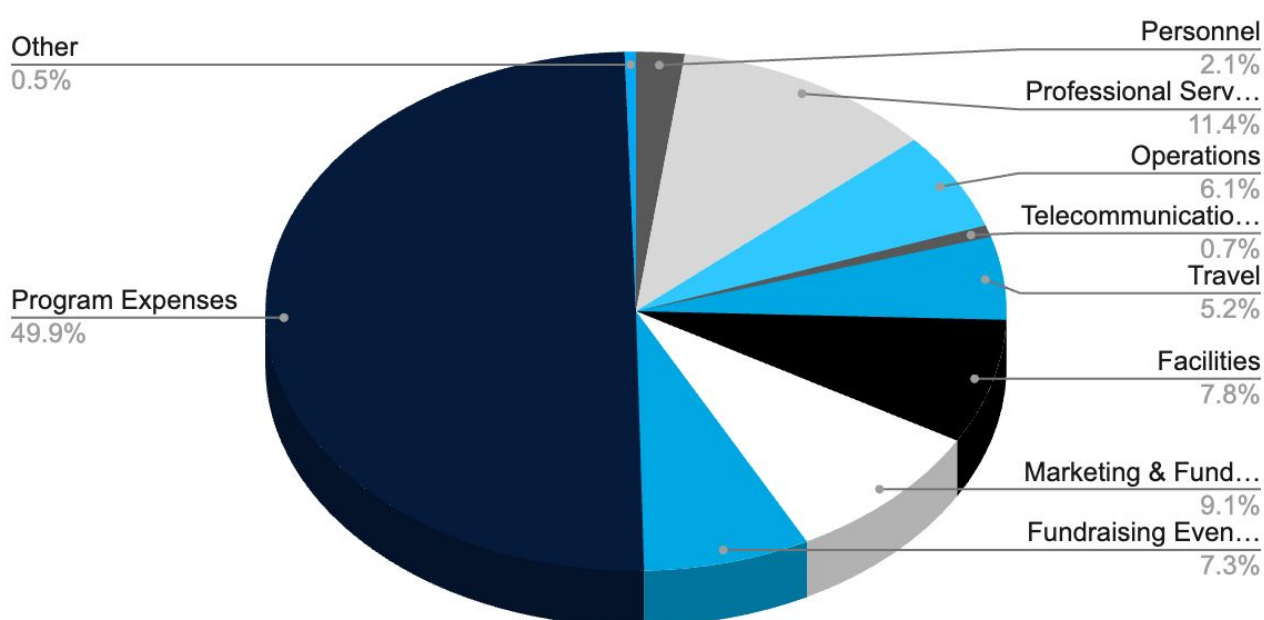
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EXPENSES

Professional Services	\$15,991.25
Operations	\$5,444.59
Telecommunications & Information Technology	\$872.06
Travel	\$4,749.08
Facilities	\$15,101.00
Marketing & Fundraising	\$11,689.02
Fundraising Event Expenses	\$9,613.38
Program Expenses	\$62,524.31
Other	\$457.26

***Total \$126,441.95**



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THE Team

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The success of the JT Dorsey Foundation is made possible with the dedication and passion of our incredible team. Our coaches, mentors, staff, and Board of directors are the heart and soul of our organization. Thank you to our incredible team – for your steadfast work to have a positive impact on our youth by always doing what is best for the kids.

Our Sponsors + Partners



To our valued sponsors: Your generous support throughout this past year has made an incredible difference in helping us achieve our goals. We are deeply grateful for your continued partnership and trust in our mission. Your dedication has been instrumental in making 2024 a year of meaningful impact!

Stay in touch!

We empower under-resourced youth in Pennsylvania with critical life skills through the beautiful game of soccer.



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