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GOING TO BATTLE TO CLOSE THE EDUCATIONAL GAP

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IMPORTANT

Hope all is well with you!

After 3 years we are returning BIGGER than ever. We have expanded into our new 33,000 sq ft educational facility. It is time to strap up your boots and prepare to join us during this brain bootcamp journey to conquer education barriers. The pandemic has taken a toll on our children's education causing an educational gap and disparities. Not only this, but the impact of unfinished learning of our children's wellbeing seems to be playing out in the choices that students are making today. We need your help to continue supporting our children with STEAM education, tutoring, mentoring and so much more to close this learning gap and fight back!

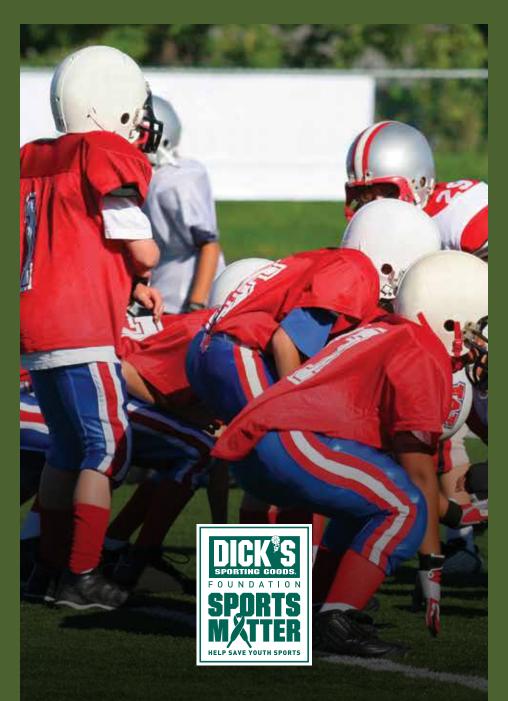
Can we rely on you to help close the educational GAP?

Twenty-Four years ago, these programs were just dreams awaiting action. Now, they are a reality. To all of our In the Pocket celebrities, sponsors, advertisers. To all of the food and beverage donors. To the staff and volunteers. THANK YOU for all you have done to make the 14th Annual In the Pocket a success! To the event attendees, we genuinely appreciate you for your support. We are very grateful and humbled by what we have been able to accomplish with you all by our side and we look forward to continuing to bring out the Best of the Batch.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

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PASSION

Our passion is to help unlock potential in financially challenged communities with resources for children and families, by educating and empowering them to give their best efforts in all they do to achieve in becoming the "best of the batch" in life.

OUR MISSION

Unlocking potential in communities to build the best future for kids and families by providing choices, motivation, and education.

THE BLUEPRINT

To create communities where all kids and families are equipped with the tools they need to build their own best futures.

We provide a variety of different programs to serve every child who walks through our doors during their out of school time. Our STEAM program allows children the opportunity to engage in creative thinking in ways that utilize their strengths- whether that be through coding, 3D printing, robotics, or music production. Girl Talk engages both middle school and high school girls in a mentoring program where young girls receive accurate information and advice to navigate the challenges of growing up. Homework help and individualized tutoring are offered to every child who attends, which has resulted in an increase in school attendance and homework submission in participants. Grub Time is our out-of-school time meal program, where all children receive a hot meal including a protein, vegetable, fruit, starch, and a healthy snack every day. Functioning as the only completely free clubhouse within a two-bus transfer of our community, the out of school time programming Best of the Batch offers reflects the wants and needs of the surrounding community.

Our Foundation also provides outreach services through multiple programs, including our back to school readiness program BatchPacks, our holiday toy drive Batch A Toys, emergency response programming like our Comfort in a Basket initiative, and EITC, OSTC, Pre-K, and college scholarships.

RULES

- No outside items to be autographed allowed.
- Your "Playbook" has pages set aside for autographs.
- All requests for autographs STOP at 8:00 PM.
- Please be respectful to Players & Celebrities.
- Must be 21 or older to attend.
- Please do not interrupt the Players or Celebrities at gaming tables.
- Stand behind the rope if not playing.
- Please do not be intrusive while taking pictures.
- All games are for amusement only.
- Have fun & smile since it's contagious!
- Beating a "celebrity" is allowed!





OPERATION



6:00 PM

 High Roller ticket holders admitted for gaming assignments. Open Bar and Food for all High Roller ticket holders.

6:30 PM

Player ticket holders admitted for gaming assignments.
Open Bar and Food for all Player ticket holders.

7:00 PM

Spectator ticket holders admitted.

7:00 PM

Challenge your celebrity!

8:30 PM

 All autographs STOP (Celebrities become regular people so they can enjoy their night too).

8:45 PM

Silent auction ends.

10:30 PM

• All games end.

11:00 PM

• Get home safely.

SQUAD

A special THANK YOU to the committee for their time, energy, effort and tireless dedication!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

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INSTRUCTIONS

9 BALL POOL

STEP ONE:

Put balls 1 to 9 on the table. **STEP TWO:** Rack balls 1 to 8 in a diamond shape

with the 1-ball in front.

STEP THREE:

Put the 9-ball in the middle of the diamond shape.

STEP FOUR: Break.

STEP FIVE:

Shoot at the lowest number ball on the table.

STEP SIX:

Shoot at the next-highest number ball if vou sink the first ball. STEP SEVEN:

End your turn if you hit the ball but don't sink it, or if you miss the ball entirely. **STEP EIGHT:**

Let your opponent take his/her turn by placing the cue ball anywhere on the table to line up a shot.

STEP NINE:

Continue shooting in turn until the 9-ball is sunk.



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TEXAS HOLD'EM

STEP ONE:

The dealer deals each player their own two cards face-down (pocket cards).

STEP TWO:

First betting round. **STEP THREE:**

The dealer burns a card then turns over three community cards face-up (the flop). **STEP FOUR:**

2nd betting round.

STEP FIVE:

The dealer burns another card then turns over 1 more community card (the turn, 4th street).

STEP SIX:

3rd betting round. STEP SEVEN:

The dealer burns another card then turns over 1 final community card (the river, 5th street).

STEP EIGHT:

Last betting round **STEP NINE:**

Showdown (ever remaining player shows hand with the better showing first).



PING PONG

Celebrity Players Serve First! Be the first one to score 15 points to win. In the event of a tie, a player must win by two points.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

On all shots, the ball must strike the end of the table before landing on your opponent's side of the table. If the sequence of shots is disrupted, a point will be awarded to the player not in error for any of the following reasons:

- The ball misses the table
- The ball goes into the net without landing on the other side
- The ball is not struck by the paddle
- The ball bounces on your side twice

Each player serves the ball five times, then the server switches. While serving, if the ball hits the net and continues on to the other side, it is called a "Let" and the point is replayed.



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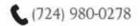
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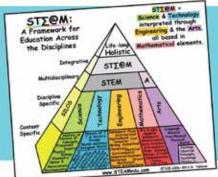
For more information on the Pennsylvania EITC program, please visit WWW.NEWPA.ORG/EITC.

WHAT IS THE OSTC PROGRAM?

The OSTC Program (previously known as the EITC 2.0 Program) provides tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to an Opportunity Scholarship Organization. Business contributions are then used to provide tuition assistance in the form of scholarships for students that currently live within the boundaries of low-achieving schools. Best of the Batch Foundation is an approved Opportunity Scholarship Organization.

For more information on the Pennsylvania OSTC program, please visit WWW.NEWPA.ORG/OSTC.

BEST OF THE BATCH FOUNDATION IS WORKING TO OFFER STEAM PROGRAMS



STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) programs provide an avenue for formally teaching the inter-relationships of how subjects relate in real-life. Steam-style education can be enjoyable and meaningfully delivered in more engaging and deeply embedding ways within the already well-established realm of education. STEAM education aims to bring functional literacy to all.

STEAM IS EASY AND FUN TO IMPLEMENT.

It was developed in 2006 by Georgette Yakman and is described as a way to teach about all things as they relate to each other. STEAM is economical and sociologically adaptable as a framework. This framework is engaging, hands-on and reality-based with many extensions to draw education, industry, government and the community together for the common good of bettering public education for all.

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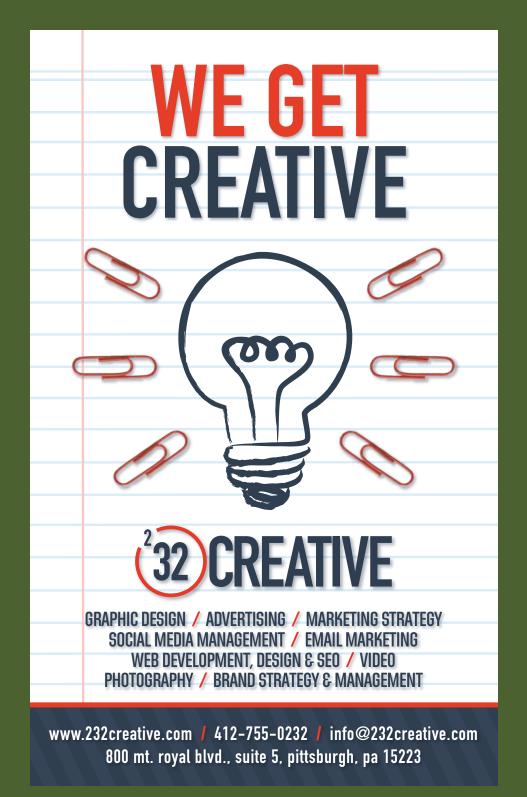
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organization. The organization is comprised solely of the spouses and significant others of active and retired NFL players.

OTF is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that strives to be a resource to its members and their communities. The purpose of the OTF is to have an alliance of women within a network who are fully committed to collectively affect change within themselves as well as their surrounding communities.

Through our charitable efforts, OTFPWA has donated over one million dollars into the hands of service providers, including hospitals and non-profits who support children and families.

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