

To Whom It May Concern:

As police officer and serving as a public servant in the City of Waukegan for close to 40 years, I have seen firsthand what a program like the Waukegan Association for Youth Soccer (WAYS) can do for the youth of our community. Before WAYS was established in 1997 I saw a lack of alternatives for the youth of Waukegan. As a police officer I would see good kids get drawn into violence and crime. WAYS has used soccer as a tool to get kids off the street and on the field. This organization gave kids something to strive for on and off the soccer field. It gave them that opportunity to achieve a college education or soccer professionally. As an avid soccer player, referee and fan, myself, I have seen some amazing stories come out of the program and as Mayor of Waukegan I support this organization whole-heartedly. Please support this program, they have done some great things for this community and with your help will continue to do so for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Wayne Motley
Mayor of Waukegan