



Colin's Story

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My cause, youth sports, is important to me, because I believe it is an excellent avenue for the preparation of youth for the challenges of life. Leadership and followership, teamwork, and myriad social skills are cornerstones of sports and competition. It also provides kids an opportunity to be mentored by adults and peers where they may not have that in their home life. Finally, it exposes kids to adversity and, with good coaching and mentorship, teaches them how to deal with these challenges in positive ways. As a dependent of an Air Force Airman, I participated in youth sports most of my childhood through various Air Force base youth programs, and reaped many of these rewards that I feel had a lasting impact on my life and career. I met most of my best childhood friends to youth sports and many of my greatest mentors in my formative years. Many youth sports programs depend on donations. I feel it is extremely important to help others when you have been blessed with the ability to do so. Giving back to programs that have helped you be successful only makes it more meaningful.

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