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AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER



Announcing Two New Exciting Partnerships

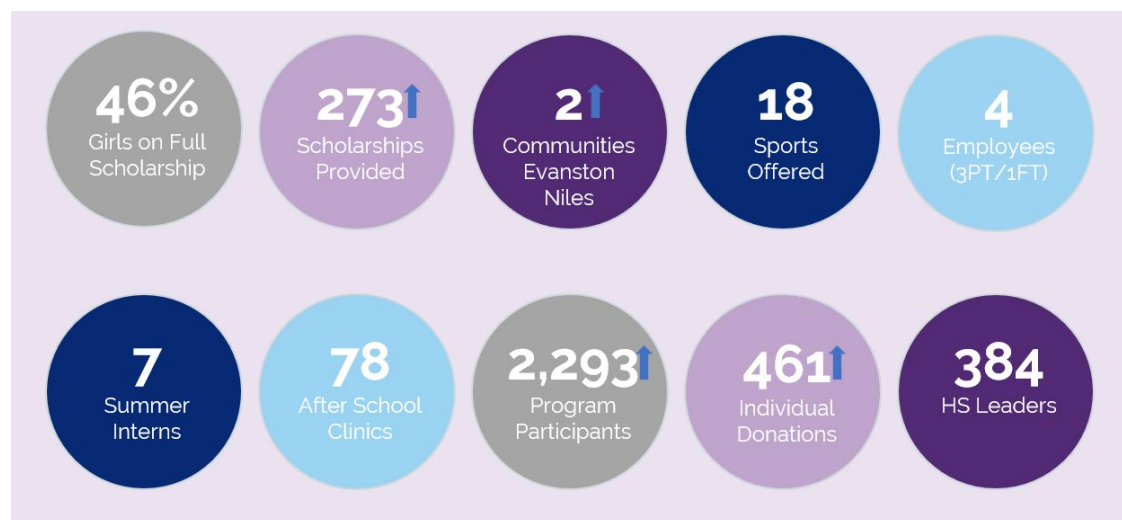
Girls Play Sports is pleased to announce an exciting two year partnership agreement with NorthShore University HealthSystem. Beginning August 2019, the partnership will ensure that Girls Play Sports programs continue to expand throughout Chicagoland, providing hundreds of young girls with the confidence and leadership skills to be their best selves through participation in multiple sports.

We are also thrilled to share that we have established a one year partnership with four women owned businesses. The initiative is a collective of women owned and run businesses that are joining together to support our mission to instill confidence and leadership skills in young girls through participation in multiple sports. The Women's Initiative includes: *Coyne & Co. Insurance, Jackie Mack, Pro Am Team Sports, and Spool.*

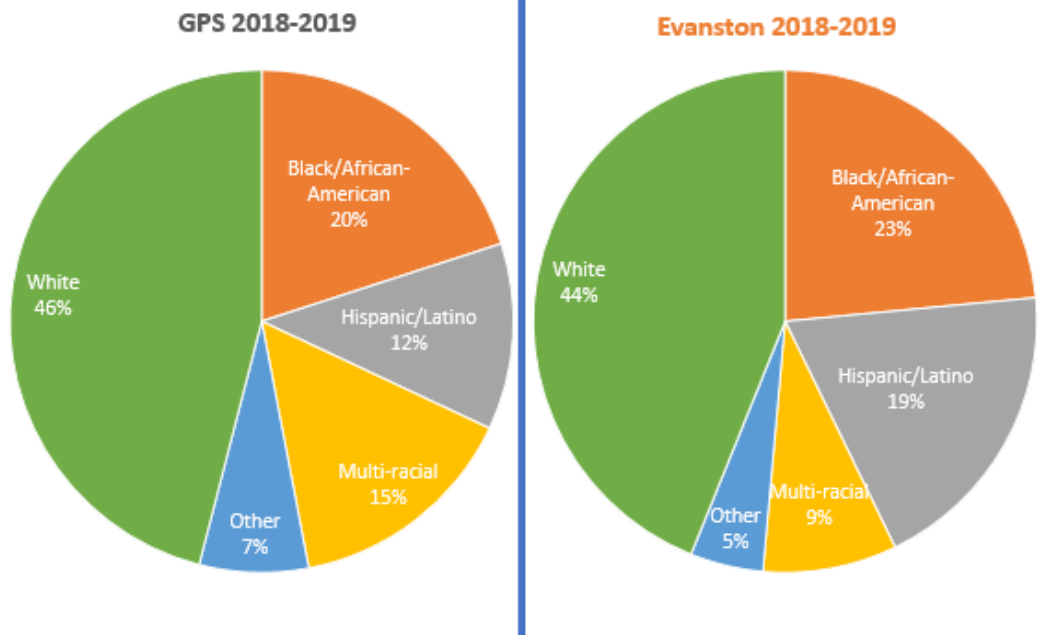
We are honored to have these organizations partner with us in our journey to expand out programs to more girls in our communities.

Our 2018-19 Results

What a year it was! We maintained our scholarship rate at about 50% of girls on full scholarships, increased the number of scholarships we provided, expanded into a new community--Niles, hired two new PT staff to assist with our expansion efforts, expanded our Board, and expanded our After School Programs to include 3rd graders. We also hosted over 78 After School Programs and had over 2,200 program participants in our five programs. To top it off, we had 384 high school leaders assist with our programs to showcase their leadership skills and serve as mentors to the 3rd-8th grade girls in our programs.



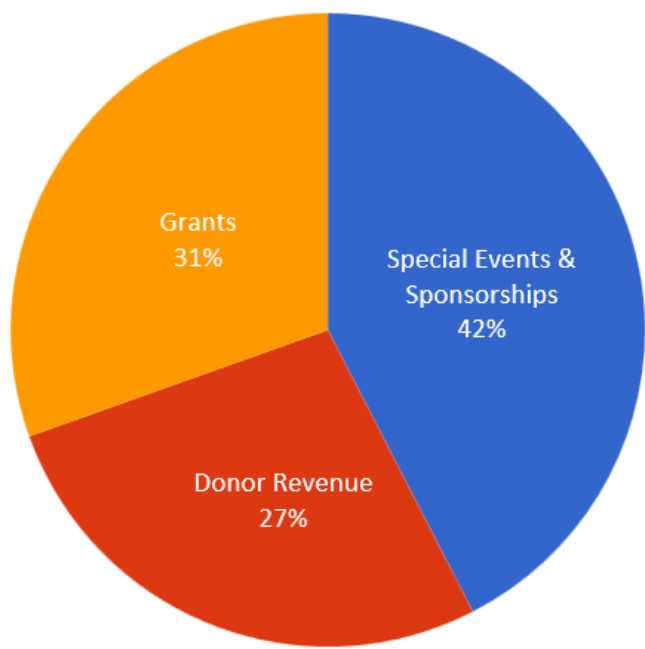
Program Participant Demographics vs. Evanston Demographics



Fundraising Revenue

Raising a total of \$187,000, we are thankful to all our amazing donors for making an impact on the lives of girls across our community and allowing us to continue to expand our programs!

**GPS Fundraising Revenue
2018-2019**



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UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

Fall Programs are now open for enrollment including our After School Clinics (FREE) and three Leagues and Tournaments Programs:

- Tennis Tournament (August 21)
- Cross Country Meet (September 21)
- Volleyball League (Sept 8 - Oct 13)

As a reminder, our Leagues and Tournaments Programs are set up to accomodate all skills.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT!



Youth sports organizations, local businesses and families from across Evanston will come together to get into the Halloween spirit. Sponsors decorate a car in the ETHS parking lot and hand candy out of their trunks to elementary and middle school children from across the Evanston community.

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What participants are Saying



What our High School Coaches are

The programs don't require a long terms commitment or tryouts--two things that make me feel nervous when picking a sport.

Saying

Girls really are interested in all the sports they just aren't introduced to them. GPS give them that opportunity.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

Mary Collins and Kerry-Simone Adedeji Join the GPS Development Team

Mary has joined GPS as Development Director and Kerri-Simone is taking on the role of Development Associate. Between the two of them, they will cover both development and grants and all other fundraising events and activities. Join us in welcoming them to the team!



You can support GPS every time you shop on AmazonSmile. Click [here](#) to learn how. Every little bit counts!

About Girls Play Sports

GPS is a non-profit organization founded in Evanston dedicated to fostering leadership skills and confidence in girls through participation in a wide variety of sports. GPS exposes girls to try multiple sports without a long-term or expensive commitment. As part of our programs, our mentors engage girls in meaningful conversations about current topics that affect young women today.

Visit the [Girls Play Sports](#) website to learn more about our programs or to make a donation today.

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