



# EVERY TEAM NEEDS A HERO.



“WHAT TEAM IMPACT HAS DONE FOR MY SON HAS TRULY HELPED OUR ENTIRE FAMILY COME OUT OF A YEAR OF ISOLATION AND ENTER INTO A HUGE NEW FAMILY WITH A RENEWED PURPOSE.”

## WHO WE ARE

Team IMPACT is a national nonprofit that connects children facing serious and chronic illnesses with local college athletic teams, forming lifelong bonds and life-changing outcomes.

## WHAT WE DO

Children battling illnesses are drafted to local college athletic teams and become full-fledged members, attending practices, games, team dinners and more for 2+ years—serving not only as teammates but as inspiration.

## OUTCOMES

- **Children** experience increased optimism, confidence and sense of belonging through the support of their teammates.
- **Families** feel connected and supported, giving them a sense of normalcy and a lessening of stress on the family unit.
- **Student athletes** gain perspective and inspiration from these courageous children, and carry these lessons into the workforce.

SINCE 2011, WE HAVE REACHED:

1.9K  kids

50K  athletes

600  colleges & universities

## THE KIDS

Our goal is to help kids and their families experience life beyond illness by increasing a sense of normalcy, optimism, confidence, and belonging—made possible through the power of team.

- Ages 5-16
- Diagnosed with a serious or chronic illness that requires treatment and/or extended hospital stays
- Could benefit from a distraction from medical realities that have impacted them socially, emotionally and/or psychologically

## THE TEAMS:

From basketball and football to curling and synchronized swimming, athletic teams across NCAA Divisions I, II and III become teammates and role models to their courageous young teammates. Athletes develop new outlooks on courage, commitment and resilience, and hopefully enter the workforce more civic-minded as a result of their experience.

- Close in location to where an eligible child lives or is being treated for their condition
- Willing and able to commit for 2 years
- Excited to bring on a young teammate who could benefit from the camaraderie and support of a team

### FREQUENCY OF INTERACTIONS:

While teams and kids interact via text, email, etc year-round, they make special efforts to visit one another at school for games etc, as well as the child's home or hospital:

- IN-SEASON: 2-4 visits per month
- OUT-OF-SEASON: 1-3 visits per month

## HOW IT WORKS:



### MATCHING & DRAFTING

Each child is thoughtfully and methodically matched with a local college team, and becomes an official member at a formal Draft Day event.



### BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Team IMPACT is a year-round experience. Through a structured approach, a clinically-trained Team IMPACT Case Manager monitors, guides and supports both the families and teams to ensure meaningful bonds are formed over the course of the two-year relationship.



### MAKING AN IMPACT

Through the program, children gain optimism, confidence and sense of belonging; their families gain a team of support and sense of normalcy; and student athletes gain invaluable inspiration and life perspective.



### GRADUATION

After two years, the child graduates from the program with a celebration of his/her accomplishments and impact on the team, and officially joins the Team IMPACT Alumni Community.

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