



# SPRING INTO ACTION



## ON MAY 5

### **Dear Friends,**

The COVID-19 crisis has impacted us all, but the bulk of the trauma—public health dangers, economic decline, loss of loved ones and lack of social supports—will fall on the low-income communities that Coaching Corps serves.

In typical times, Coaching Corps trains people to be great coaches who support their players and nurture the skills they need far beyond the game. With the suspension of youth sports, we can't send coaches out onto the field right now – but we are finding innovative and desperately needed ways to be there for our young players.

My coach guided me through tough times growing up and because of her I was blessed to not only get the chance to play soccer, but also become a Coaching Corps coach, and today, a member of the Coaching Corps Board. The life lessons that a coach teaches – dedication to your team, perseverance through adversity, confidence in fighting for the mission you

believe in – have led me to where I am today and sustained me through these hectic times as an emergency doctor in Los Angeles County.



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This pandemic is a reminder for all of us on the front lines that we must care deeply about the inequities that surround us, and that serious challenges require serious compassion and togetherness. Coaching Corps' commitment has always been to support youth in low-income communities in the ways that they need most, and our players need us now more than ever.

To date, Coaching Corps has received nearly 450 responses from community members with a desire to help—and the response continues to grow. We're deploying volunteers to dozens of community organizations around the country to help with everything from packaging and distributing meals, to keeping sites clean and sanitary, to online tutoring. **A good team adapts to a changing game, and in compliance with CDC guidelines, Coaching Corps staff has activated to accommodate the changing needs of our players and community partners.**

Today, we're announcing our ***Spring Into Action Campaign*** leading up to #GivingTuesdayNow on May 5th. With this campaign, you will have the chance to lend your support where it is needed most.

We'll be sharing more about our ***Spring Into Action Campaign*** in the days to come. And we invite you to *volunteer with us* if you want to lend a hand.

Thank you for standing with us. With you, we can continue to level the playing field for kids who need us the most.

*With love and appreciation,*



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