Pittsburgh Harlequins Childrens Charities

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In the Spring of 1997, the Pittsburgh Harlequins Rugby Football Association started a community based youth rugby program, focusing on at-risk youth, ages 8-14, in the greater Pittsburgh area.

Our program involves a ten (10) week commitment two nights per week beginning the first week of April. Matches take place at home fields located within each community, with a championship tournament on the last Saturday in May located at our rugby facility in Indiana Township.

We focus on developing critical life skills for our participants, and in addition to Instruction in team athletics, our players are instructed in the five basic tenets of our program at each practice:

- No fighting, no cussing
- School matters
- Respect yourself and others
- Be responsible for your own actions
- Keep it positive, rugby and life

We encourage our present generation of club rugby players to fulfill leadership positions and to provide role models for our participants.

WE BELIEVE, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THAT WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

Our coaches are all volunteers. We do not ask for any financial contribution from any community. We believe that our participants are looking for something positive to belong to and to become involved with. If you are real and committed, we believe that the young people will recognize this and respond. Just don't quit on them. We fully understand our responsibility in each community we serve. Our program has never wavered from its goal of using rugby to mentor underprivileged youth.

OUR MISSION

WE MENTOR **LIFE SKILLS** FOR CHILDREN, AGES 8-14, LIVING IN AT-RISK NEIGHBORHOODS OF PITTSBURGH AREA THROUGH THE EXPERIENCE OF TEAM SPORTS.