



Dear Friends of Springfield Soccer Club:

During the past few years the Springfield Soccer Club has undergone a tremendous amount of growth both on the soccer field and in the community. Our players and teams have had great success with wins and losses, but more important are the life lessons of commitment, sacrifice and lifestyle habits that are being taught everyday. The Springfield Soccer Club is committed to offer an environment that allows players from southwest Missouri an opportunity to reach their fullest athletic, academic and social potential.

### **SSC Alumni in Collegiate Ranks-**

Just a few years ago the number of Springfield Soccer Club players participating in college soccer was quite low. Through the hard work and dedication of players, parents, and coaches there are now a number of Springfield Soccer Club Alumni leaving their mark on the college soccer scene. With players currently playing at the NCAA Division I, II, III, NAIA and NJCAA levels, what was once a dream of playing college soccer is now a reality. This past fall saw Patrick Carver (class of 2005) selected to the NSCAA All-American Team and Brian Fishback (class of 2005) honored as the GLVC Scholar Athlete of the Year.

### **Participation in Midwest Regional League, State Cup and Showcase Events-**

The days of driving to St. Louis for a soccer tournament and having people say 'wonder where that team is from' are over. The Springfield Soccer Club is a household name in Missouri, the Midwest Region and the Nation. Our teams consistently compete for State Cup and Midwest Regional League Championships on the field. The first State Cup Championship for the Springfield Soccer Club was brought home in 2007 as the 90/91 team did the unthinkable (a few years ago) and won it all. It is not uncommon to see our teams play in high level Showcase Events in Texas, Minnesota, Florida, Michigan, Illinois and Tennessee against some of the best competition in the nation and world.

### **Community-Club Involvement-**

Trying to provide opportunities for social growth has always been a mission of the Springfield Soccer Club. This past January we hosted a 24 Hour Marathon Soccer Match to benefit the Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Through an unbelievable amount of club participation by players, parents, and coaches over \$19,000 was raised for the Community Partnership of the Ozarks and the Springfield Soccer Club. This was a tremendous way for us to show we care about the community we live in and represent on the field.

### **Indoor Facility-**

For many years a spring thunderstorm meant that soccer practice was cancelled. During the winter months teams from the Springfield Soccer Club were forced into cramped elementary school gymnasiums or into the LCS SoccerDome at less than ideal times. Current players and teams no longer have those issues as the club recently moved into its' own private indoor facility. The facility houses the club administration offices, storage, weight training area and two practice fields. Having a place to call 'home' has allowed a sense of Springfield Soccer Club pride and tradition to develop like no other time before.

### **Developing the Future-Springfield Soccer Club Foundation-**

As exciting as the past few years have been the Springfield Soccer Club is determined not rest on its' past success. Plans are currently underway for more exciting developments to continue to allow its' players the opportunity to reach their fullest athletic, academic and social potential. It is because of this desire that the Springfield Soccer Club has created the Springfield Soccer Club-Foundation. The Springfield Soccer Club-Foundation is an arm of the club that seeks to keep the club moving in a positive direction in accordance with its' mission statement. Each year the Springfield Soccer Club-Foundation will attempt to raise monetary funds to go towards certain projects that it feels will benefit the club and its mission statement.

*This year the Springfield Soccer Club-Foundation has identified three areas of need:*

#### **25% of Collected Donations-**

##### **Completing the Indoor Facility**

- Weight training area improvements (equipment and flooring)
- Netting system
- Stereo system
- Academic study center

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##### **Scholarship Planning**

- Development of college scholarship for boy & girl player each year
- Continuing to fund financial assistance so no player is turned away from the club

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##### **Outdoor Facility Planning**

- The club is in the planning stages to develop an all weather (fieldturf) field

**THIS WILL BE OUR BIGGEST UNDERTAKING YET AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GET THIS PROJECT OFF THE GROUND.**

The Springfield Soccer Club has set the goal of having 200 individuals/businesses donate \$100.00 to the Springfield Soccer Club-Foundation. This would place \$20,000.00 into the foundation account and allow \$5,000.00 for Indoor Facility Improvements, \$5,000.00 for Scholarship Planning, and \$10,000.00 for Outdoor Facility Committee. These amounts would allow the completion, continuance, and planning of the three projects listed above. It will also insure that the Springfield Soccer Club is able to provide an environment for the competitive soccer player and their family which allows for them to reach their fullest athletic, academic, and social potentials.

Enclosed you will find a donation card for the Springfield Soccer Club-Foundation. We know that many of you have enjoyed the positive experiences that the Springfield Soccer Club has provided for your families. Please help us continue this wonderful soccer environment and continue to make it an even better one. We also know that many of you have helped the club financially through donations/sponsorships in the past and we appreciate your support. It is our hope that you will join us as we attempt to solicit 200 donations of \$100.00 by June 1, 2008. Please feel free to forward this information onto others who may have interest in supporting the Springfield Soccer Club-Foundation.

Springfield Soccer Club  
Board of Directors

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