



# Stephanie's Mission

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## Steph's Place 7 has been completed!

We want to provide you with an update on the impact your support has had on Steph's Mission.

Whether you have made a donation of your time, money and/or your energy, we want to thank you for supporting Stephanie's Mission. Over the years, support from people like you has impacted thousands of those less fortunate. The purpose of this update is to help you understand how much we all have been able to accomplish as well as what we strive to accomplish in the future.



**Steph's Mission is on Instagram!**  
**@stephaniesmission**

### Our most pressing current request:

We are requesting new or gently used soccer cleats on behalf of the Alpha Boys Home in Kingston, JA.

To learn more about Alpha, see page 2!





## Who are the Alpha Boys?

Alpha's mission is the empowerment and personal transformation of young people through education and skills training. Most of their students reside in inner-city communities where social conditions are very challenging. The training program at Alpha is designed to generate holistic development and career advancement in a variety of relevant employment areas.



## How can we help?

This past trip, we made sure to stop by the Alpha Boys home. While there, of course we played in our traditional soccer match. After the match the coach informed us that the boys have an opportunity to play in a national soccer tournament. The only thing preventing their entry is the leagues cleats requirement. Believe it or not, these boys play soccer BAREFOOT most of the time.



We at Steph's Mission are asking for NEW or GENTLY USED men's cleats sizes 7-10 to provide the Alpha Boys with an opportunity to play in the soccer tournament this September. If you or someone you know is able to donate a pair of cleats please let us know! See page 5 for contact info!



## The story behind the soccer balls

On our trips to Jamaica, we distribute hundreds of soccer balls throughout the country in honor of PFC Nick Madaras, who lost his life in Afghanistan. As schools, universities, manufacturers and other generous parties donate the balls, Nick's dad, Bill and Tom Thresher sign, deflate, package and ship each ball to dozens of countries around the globe.



To learn more about Nick's inspiring story, check out [KickForNick.org](http://KickForNick.org)





## Our most recent trip to Port Maria, Jamaica

As some of you may know, Team Steph traveled to Jamaica this past April to construct a 7<sup>th</sup> Steph's Place School, for children ages three to six years old. This year's school was built in 2 days! We had an amazing group of hard working people who managed to not only build a 1,300 square foot structure but also found time to play and laugh with dozens of children during their breaks from the work site. The kids were ecstatic. Gratitude does not begin to describe the reaction of this small community.

Our trips are always full of love. We have had the amazing opportunity to meet some very special people, as you can see in the photos. To read about two particularly special people we have met, check out page 4!







### Meet Tyrek

On our mission trip this April, we were introduced to a student, Tyrek. While all of the other students ran outside to greet us and to play soccer, Tyrek remained seated in his classroom. We soon learned he was unable to walk, and that it had been this way for 10 years, since he was born. With no wheelchair in sight, we asked his teachers how Tyrek got to and from school each day, and how he moved around at all. His teacher shared that he is always carried around; either by his aunt, mother, or teachers. The next day, we arrived to the school and our construction site with a temporary wheelchair for Tyrek. He was overwhelmed with happiness and his grandmother, who was present, expressed her sincere gratitude. She spoke about what a burden it would lift for his mother and aunt as well. We are currently working on getting him a new wheelchair, fit to his size, so that he will be mobile and able to participate to his fullest extent!

### An update on our friend Chris

In March of 2014, we successfully constructed our 5<sup>th</sup> school in Jamaica. The community was incredibly appreciative and could not have been more thankful. Many of you gave hundreds of children the gift of education in the Rectory community for many years to come and for that we thank you. While on our trip we met Chris, a 12 year old boy who was born and raised in the small house next to the school grounds. Chris was always looking to lend a helping hand, whether it be playing soccer and including the younger kids, unloading building materials from the trucks or painting the school. Years ago, he graduated from the basic school that we replaced in 2014.

Unfortunately, after graduating he needed to travel to another school for older children and his family could not afford to send him there. Fortunately, support from people like you allowed Steph's Mission to fund Chris' education. Chris has since excelled and has goals to become a woodworker. In his words "I want to learn how to build furniture, so I can take care of my mom and my family."

Chris is an amazing kid, now 15 years old, and we want to thank you all, on Chris' behalf, for giving Chris the opportunity to develop a passion that he hopes to pursue in order to provide for his family.

Thank you.





# Upcoming Events

How can you get involved in Steph's Mission? While we have some annual traditions giving back, such as building schools in Jamaica and Steph's Comfort Kits, we are always looking for ways to raise funds to keep these traditions moving forward. If you have any ideas that may be able to help in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out. Below are our upcoming events .

1. Stephanie's Annual Family Fun Day— July 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Reis Park in Somers NY. We will have raffles, free food, various family friendly games and activities and of course the annual softball tournament.

To inquire about entering a team, please reach out to Mia M. or email [stephaniecrispinellifund@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniecrispinellifund@gmail.com)

2. Next Jamaica trip has not been scheduled yet, but if you would like to be notified as details develop, send us a note!

3. Give us a follow on instagram @stephaniesmission and a "Like" on Facebook "The Stephanie Crispinelli Humanitarian Fund" to stay up to date on all of our upcoming events!



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