

Street Soccer World Cup Tournament: All About Goals!

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Lance will tell you his life has completely changed as a result of a soccer ball. Today he's setting goals and reaching them! Recently Lance gained custody of his special needs daughter. He continues to work as a swim instructor for additional income and was recently named team captain of the St. Louis Roadies Street Soccer Club.

Street soccer is played the world over by anyone and everyone. In St. Louis, street soccer is also played by men and women who are homeless or formerly homeless.

The *St. Louis Roadies Street Soccer Club* was formed seven years ago under the auspices of Peter & Paul Community Services, a leading non-profit agency in St. Louis committed to finding solutions to homelessness. Since that time, over 130 players have graced the Roadie roster. Two-thirds of those who have participated in the program have ended their homelessness for good and regained their independence.

On Saturday, June 7 2014, PPCS volunteers will shut down a portion of Morganford Road in the Tower Grove South Neighborhood to host a World Cup themed street soccer tournament open to everyone.

Four-on-four teams will play 14-minute games on an enclosed surface about the size of a tennis court just outside the Amsterdam Tavern. From beginners to experienced players, participants will be helping to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness while assisting members of the St. Louis Roadies in ending their homelessness for good.

"At Peter & Paul, street soccer has become a window to an array of services to those in need," according to the agency's Executive Director Steve Campbell, "Roadie players have moved into their own apartments, found jobs, attended financial planning classes, graduated college, received mental health counseling, resolved legal matters and reconnected with family."

As part of this year's World Cup theme, participants and passers-by will enjoy the wonderful music of St. Louis' own JOAI! The Joia percussionists will highlight Brazilian samb a music while players give it their all

Those new to the tournament won't want to miss the delicious food of Morganford's latest addition, THE DAM! Slow food fast! And kids can compete in crazy soccer competitions throughout the afternoon sponsored by Vetta Sports!

Sponsors include: The Amsterdam Tavern, The Dam, Three Monkeys, Big Shark Bicycle Company, Red Latina, West County Soccer Master, O'Fallon Brewery and Vetta Sports.

For more information on the St. Louis Roadies or to learn more about the work of Peter & Paul Community Services' Sports for Social Change Program visit www.stlroadies.org.

Date/Time: Saturday, June 7 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Venue: Amsterdam Tavern, 3175 Morganford, 63116
Team Registration: \$250 includes tournament t-shirt, food and drink tickets

About Peter & Paul Community Services:

Peter & Paul Community Services (PPCS) provides housing and supportive services to those who are homeless, especially those experiencing mental illness or living with HIV. Three transitional housing programs, an emergency shelter and meals program serve over 1,500 unduplicated clients annually. PPCS offers shelter, food, psychiatric care, job skills training, help for chemical addictions, and a welcoming community for those who are lonely. Over 1,300 volunteers donate 8,000 hours of service each year. More on the web at www.ppcsinc.org.

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