



Fact Sheet

Mission

Best of the Batch Foundation provides financially challenged youth and their families with the purpose, desire, and resources to give their best efforts in all they do throughout their lives.

By developing after school programs, scholarships for students, restoring playgrounds, and offering sports and leisure activities, Best of the Batch Foundation shows its commitment to the success of all youth and their families. The encouragement and involvement of the community stimulates that success.

Background

Best of the Batch Foundation was founded in 1999 by NFL player Charlie Batch in memory of his sister who was murdered, an innocent victim of gunfire between rival gangs. In 1998, Charlie was drafted in the second round of the NFL Draft by the Detroit Lions, where he spent the first four seasons of his professional career as the starting quarterback. Charlie returned to his hometown as a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2002, and has spent the past eleven seasons with the team, including Super Bowl XL and XLIII championships.

Core Programs

Project C.H.U.C.K. – a seven-week summer basketball camp for girls and boys, ages 7 through 18 that incorporates a daily study hall where participants read and discuss assigned books. This program started in 2001 and has served 3,085 youth.

Batch Packs – a back-to-school initiative to provide students with basic supplies they'll need for the upcoming school year. More than 5,000 "Batch Packs" have been distributed since the program's inception.

Best of the Batch Club – students who demonstrate excellence in school work, attendance, behavior, and extra-curricular activities are rewarded with a trip to the Pro Football Hall of Fame with Charlie Batch.

Batch-A Toys – an annual holiday toy drive, with Charlie and his teammates signing autographs for fans in exchange for new, unwrapped toys. More than 25,000 toys were distributed during the program's first four years, with a goal of 10,000 toys during the 2012 holiday season.

Structure

Best of the Batch Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit. Sources of revenue include the annual "In the Pocket" fundraiser, corporate sponsorships, individual, and United Way donations.

Board of Directors: Bill Campbell, former president and ceo of Intuit, is the chair of Best of the Batch Foundation's board of directors. Other members include Sandy Cochran Fritz, owner of Health Enrichment Center; retired Steel Valley School District para-professional, Mary Lou McConnell; Chris Smith, a community leader in Homestead, PA; Anthony L. Snoddy, president of Michigan-based Green Moxie, LLC; and actor/director/producer Tamara Tunie.

Volunteer Staff: Charlie Batch serves as president of the organization and Latasha Wilson-Batch is the executive director.

Website

Visit www.batchfoundation.org