

SUMMER SEARCH



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SUMMER SEARCH TEAMS UP WITH PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Partnership includes exciting team events, grant funding, facility use, in kind donations and support from Eagles employees

Philadelphia— August 29, 2016 – Summer Search, a national youth development nonprofit, announced today it was selected as one of the 2016-2017 Philadelphia Eagles Care partners. The Eagles Care initiative connects the team with five local non-profits each year in an effort to jointly increase their positive influence on the community. Through these season-long strategic partnerships, the Eagles work closely with the charitable organizations on a variety of events and projects that aim to enhance the support they provide to the Greater Philadelphia region.

Summer Search Philadelphia is one of these organizations, receiving grant support from the Eagles as well as exposure to exciting opportunities involving team events, facility use, in-kind donations and support from the Eagles employees.

“As a committed member of the Philadelphia community, we are so excited by the support that the Philadelphia Eagles provide through its Eagles Care program,” said Amanda Jefferson, executive director of Summer Search Philadelphia. “Support from community leaders like the Eagles can transform programs like ours, allowing us to reach more students and bring college access to low-income Philadelphia students. The Eagles have gone above and beyond by providing funding, offering volunteer opportunities, and thinking creatively about additional ways they can support our program. We feel like a member of the team already.”

Philadelphia Eagles Care Partners take many elements into consideration, including Eagles priority issue areas (youth health and fitness, cancer, environment, autism, hunger and youth football), the nonprofit’s location and size, and its ability to benefit from and provide benefits to the partnership.

Summer Search Philadelphia, founded in 2006, served more than 200 students this year. Participating students have a median household income of \$21,088 with 87 percent first-generation college students. The non-profit is one of the only organizations in the region that focuses not just on getting students to college, but also getting them through college. Summer Search helps double the odds for students in college, with 71 percent of its students on track to graduate (or have already done so) versus 35 percent for the city of Philadelphia.

About Summer Search

Summer Search is a national youth development nonprofit organization dedicated to helping low-income youth to develop the skills and character traits they need to become college-educated leaders who give back to their families and communities. Learn more at summersearch.org.

About Eagles Care

Eagles Care was established to create annual, strategic partnerships with local nonprofits in order to increase the impact of the team's community efforts. Each of these five partners has the comfort of consistent and conscious support from the Eagles so as to create mutually beneficial and measurable results. The Eagles believe there is no offseason to good citizenship and we are pleased to partner with After School Activities Partnerships, Living Beyond Breast Cancer, Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance, Rock to the Future and Summer Search as we work together to strengthen and support a high quality of life for generations of Eagles fans.

For more information on the Eagles Care program, please visit www.PhiladelphiaEagles.com/community.