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ABOUT US

The Natasha Watley Foundation (NWF) was founded by UCLA graduate and two-time Olympic medalist Natasha Watley. Established to create opportunities for girls in underserved communities to learn and play the game of softball. NWF uses the medium of sport to inspire young women to reach their full potential while fostering character development and awareness of social issues that affect women.

MISSION

The mission of the Natasha Watley Foundation is to empower young women to make healthy lifestyle choices, develop strong self-esteem, and to become leaders of character through participation and training in the sport of softball.

WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

- ◆ *Confidence Development*: by use of positive role models and affiliations that will contribute to all facets of life, especially when participation with the NWF is over
- ◆ *Women's Health*: increasing a positive body image as both a female and as an athlete.
- ◆ *Social Issues*: decreasing matters affecting undeserved communities such as teen pregnancy, gang affiliations, and high school drop out rates
- ◆ *4 Points of the Diamond*: as based on the core values of the NWF discipline, dedication, dignity and duty



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PROGRAMS

NWF participants will be receiving technical instruction from the world's most elite softball athletes. The Four Points are instilled in the girls through mentoring, role modeling, and a structured curriculum, that will transcend from the softball diamond:

12U & high school club league

The centerpiece of NWF is the "Natasha Watley" 12 and under division and high school club division leagues, in Los Angeles, CA. Through collaborative partnerships with the City of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department and Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI), over two hundred young girls have participated in this league. In 2010, NWF hopes to expand by adding more girls in the 12 and under division and Club level.

Overnight softball retreat

Takes place in a remote location for a personalized focus on the four points of the diamond including an emphasis on social and women's issues.

Free skills clinics

Open to all girls of underserved communities as an introduction to softball. This will generate excitement for the sport; as well as, helping more girls become physically active.

PARTNER WITH US

The Natasha Watley Foundation depends on the support of corporate sponsors, foundations and individuals to achieve its goal of assisting and increasing the number of young girls learning through the medium of softball.

There are a number of ways of partnering with NWF to make a difference in a young girls life. Benefactors may:

- Support its program(s)**
- Sponsor the Foundation's development/fundraising events**
- Sponsor operations**