



## Who We Are

The Buddy Fund is a 501(c)(3) charity helping St. Louis area children without regard to race, ethnicity or religion. It was founded in 1962 by St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Hawks player/sportscaster Buddy Blattner to help redirect the lives of underserved and at-risk kids by supplying sports equipment to charities and organizations in our communities.

## Mission Statement

We serve our local at-risk youth in partnership with dedicated schools, recreation, and youth organizations by providing new sports and recreation equipment to create opportunities for development of their physical and mental health, confidence and character, teamwork and respect for others, and academic expectations and personal responsibility.

## Accomplishments

Each year, we provide new sports equipment to 144 youth organizations that have direct access to the at-risk underserved youth. Since 1962, cumulative efforts by The Buddy Fund have helped over 500,000 youngsters and provided more than \$5,000,000 in sports equipment.

## Our Why

<https://youtu.be/OBpvtY2KNYQ>

## Increasing Our Impact

The Buddy Fund purchases new sporting goods/equipment at wholesale, nearly doubling the amount we can give.

## Our Members

### FOUNDER

Buddy Blattner  
(1920-2009)

### EXEC. DIRECTOR

Ann M. Lederman

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## Some of the Organizations Currently on Our Roster

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis
- The Little Bit Foundation
- Jackie Joyner Kersee Foundation
- Lift for Life Academy
- Matthews Dickey Boys & Girls Club
- Special Olympics
- Police Athletic League
- St. Louis City Parks & Recreation
- Urban Golf of Greater St. Louis
- Covenant House of Missouri

## What Your Donation Provides

**\$1000** in contributions would purchase the following amounts of equipment:



100



80



80



60



40



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