



New Horizons Lacrosse Fund
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Press Release

LACROSSE COMMUNITY RAISES MONEY FOR EAST AUSTIN LACROSSE

1st Annual Mangia Pizza Lacrosse Team Camp creates momentum and interest in lacrosse in East Austin

Austin, TX, November 16, 2009: On October 23 - 25, seven Austin area High School Boys' Lacrosse teams came together to participate in the 1st Annual Mangia Pizza Lacrosse Team Camp to raise money and equipment to support the growth of lacrosse programs in East Austin, including the new program at Eastside Memorial High School. The camp, which was held at Eastside Memorial High School, was headed by 5 time NCAA Division I National Championship Coach, Don Zimmerman, along with 5 other college coaches and former Division I players. The camp kicked off with a clinic for the new Eastside Memorial High School team and concluded with a set of tournament games between the local High School teams. The camp was run with the assistance of the Friends of Central Texas Lacrosse, a nonprofit corporation, whose mission is to assist with the growth of the sport of lacrosse in Central Texas.



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Camp director, Bruce Clark, commented on the event:

“The event was perfect. We were able to raise \$6,000.00 to seed the growth of East Austin lacrosse. It was a great statement about the character of the lacrosse community to come together to support the event and the growth of the sport. We want to give particular thanks to AISD and the staff at Eastside Memorial High School, including Principal Ortiz, Principal Grady, Coach Crayton, Greg Weber and Monica Molina. In addition we want to give special thanks to Mangia Pizza, Southswell Sports and the law firm of Evans & Peek for their financial support, without which the event could not have taken place. We are proud to assist the new Eastside Memorial High School (EMHS) team and give best wishes to them in their inaugural season.”



The proceeds from the camp have been donated to the New Horizons Lacrosse Fund (<http://www.newhorizonslacrosse.org/nhl/>), a Fiscal Sponsorship Fund Administered by the Austin Community Foundation - a nonprofit corporation. New Horizons vision is “to provide personal growth, positive life experiences, and enrichment through the participation in team sports by supporting the development of lacrosse programs in underserved and disadvantaged communities”. Startup equipment has already been supplied to EMHS to support the lacrosse class that has been initiated by the East Side Memorial High administration this fall. The donation by Mangia Pizza Lacrosse Team Camp will allow the fund to continue to provide equipment in support of the new team and to begin to seek other opportunities for lacrosse in East Austin.

