Our Mission
Backyard Sports Cares is dedicated to providing high quality sports programming to young athletes with limited access to community programs in order to:

- Build a lifetime devotion to sports and the pursuit of a healthy lifestyle
- Enhance social and leadership skills
- Provide community building experiences can have an enduring impact on participants’ lives off of the playing field.

Who We Are
Backyard Sports Cares (BYSC) is the non profit (501c3) division of Backyard Sports, the leading provider of community team sports programs for kids of all ages in Westchester County. Established in 2005, Backyard Sports is committed to replacing today’s “win at all costs” mentality of youth sports with an approach that promotes increased self confidence and a lifetime love of sports while maximizing the athletic potential of each participant. Backyard Sports Cares was created to bring these ideals to children who have limited access to traditional youth sports programs, including children with special needs.

How We Do It
Backyard Sports Cares employs a dedicated group of skilled Teacher/Coaches who serve as instructors and role models. These professionals are assisted by young athletes and student leaders who volunteer as peer mentors. The program consists of weekly skill sessions and competitive game play for boys and girls in Pre K through high school. Current sports offerings include soccer, baseball, basketball, tennis, fitness and martial arts. In addition to providing programs at our own facility, Backyard Sports Cares has partnered with schools and community agencies to offer on site early morning, recess, after school and summer sports activities. Our partners include:

School Districts & Educational Affiliations
- Carmel Academy, Greenwich, CT.
- Mt. Vernon School District
- New Rochelle School District
- Purchase College

Community Organizations
- Carver Center, Port Chester
- Westchester Jewish Community Services
- White Plains Youth Bureau
- YWCA of White Plains & Central Westchester

Public Organizations
- NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
- Scarsdale Recreation Department
- United States Tennis Association (USTA)
- White Plains Youth Bureau

Achievements
- BYSC created Backyard Sports Plus, a unique program that currently offers 100 children with special needs safe and appropriately competitive opportunities to learn and enjoy sports with their peers
- BYSC provides flexible, curriculum-based athletic programming to 1,000 elementary and high school students who come from families or communities with limited resources for youth sports.
- Since 2005, BYSC has recruited and trained hundreds of student leaders who serve as peer mentors and coaches in all of our programs

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