



SOCCKER4MALAWI – Emily Cutler

Emily Cutler will be visiting Malawi, Africa this month, June 2011. She is sponsoring a gear drive that will ship gently used cleats, shin guards, and old uniforms to Malawi. The gear will be delivered to orphans just outside the capital city. The children love to play soccer in Malawi but they don't have any equipment to play with.

The grant funds provided by the Julie Foudy Leadership Foundation helped Emily advertise her equipment and uniform collections, which were quite successful. In addition it helped fund the cost for the additional "luggage" she is bringing brimming with the items she collected.

Emily leaves in one week and she is finalizing the three day soccer clinics she'll be running for the girls at two of the feeding centers they will be visiting.

Thank you and the foundation for supporting Emily's efforts!

Blogs from Emily:

I have finally packed up and vacuum sealed all of the jerseys along with the shorts and socks. In total I have collected over 100 cleats that I am bringing, and also 150 jerseys that were mostly donated from Jersey Knights and Somerset Hills Soccer Club. I have a bag of white uniforms and a bag of red ones, and some black uniforms as well! A whole bunch of socks were also collected and I am bringing them over!



SOCCKER BALLS!!

These were the hardest things to pack because they are so bulky! We emptied out all of the air, yet they were very hard to pack. We finally decided to get a pump and fully deflate them all, then packed them very tightly together using the vacuum bags! Surprisingly that ended up working. I was able to pack 30 balls, but hopefully more will fit eventually.

