

Many of us have an abundance of extra soccer equipment - balls, shoes, bags, jerseys—even from other clubs!, shorts, etc. If anyone has any extra gear- that is in *good shape, it can be donated!*

Rush Equipment Assisting Children (R.E.A.C.H.) is a program that collects used or unwanted soccer equipment from Rush and other community members to donate to underprivileged children throughout the world. From tsunami victims to Russian orphans to the children of war torn Iraq, all benefit from the generous donations from Rush soccer and its members. The simple thing of a soccer ball or soccer shirt can make a world of difference to a child that is going through troubled times.

Please be sure that donated gear is for soccer only, is clean, and has no rips or holes, shin guards should be bound together. Pairs of shoes should also be bound or tied together.

Tami Aspelund, Alaska Rush R.E.A.C.H. Coordinator, was able to mail out 2 large boxes of donated soccer gear and boy's uniforms to Colorado in December. From Colorado, the gear and uniforms will go out world-wide to Rush clubs with players in need of equipment.

There is a large blue tub in the Alaska Rush office where anyone can donate used soccer gear. The tub is there year round (it's in a closet so you'll have to ask someone in the office to open the closet for you) and boxes are sent out 3-4 times a year. Tami will be mailing out more boxes soon so please bring your donations by and put them in the R.E.A.C.H. tub.

For more information on R.E.A.C.H., please visit <http://alaskarush.com/index.php/programs/37-general/51-programs-reach>

Bring assorted equipment by AK Rush office anytime- Our office hours are Monday-Thursday, 12-6 pm.

