



The next project of the R.E.A.C.H Program is visiting Durban (South Africa) to accomplish the wish of thousands of children by supplying soccer gear to their less fortunate communities. A group of Rush Soccer Ambassadors will travel to South Africa on November 15th to deliver the recently collected gear and share their knowledge and soccer skills with the local Staff. Another goal of the outgoing expedition is to create new soccer clubs because of the increasing number of players in the South African coaster city.

The R.E.A.C.H Ambassadors will hold a three day soccer camp, soccer clinics, and a tournament with the main objective to establish a developmental league in their settlement. The Rush Ambassador's visit caused hope and joy in Rush South Africa, especially in the Indic Ocean city. 1100 children are looking forward to receive the gear and to improve their skills in the organized camp, clinics, and other events.

In the African country, Rush is growing fast because of their solid structure and big plans for the future. Jimmy Bakos, Technical Director of Rush South Africa, trusts in their possibilities: "In five years from now, we'll have made several trips to United States, have a few players into the Colorado Rush Academy, and a few more players into college programs." Another important step from the different Rush African partners is to create a common group in the continent: "As a group we can go far. We want to create Rush Africa to hold tournaments around the continent. The presidents of the various Rush Soccer clubs in Africa would manage it. We would create mini Rush Festivals every two years and bring the best teams to the United States the following year to compete in the Rush Festival held each summer," ensures Bakos.

All these facts prove the solid structure and strong basis of Rush South Africa, an experienced partner who wants to keep developing soccer in Durban. However, they need help to accomplish their goals and Rush Soccer supports them with equipment and experience. The next visit to South Africa is well known by the Rush community, and even "9 News Denver" wanted to ask us about the trip. Tawnya Rush, presenter of Colorado and Company, met Donna Pettigrew, Kaitlyn and Jamie Brunworth in her program to talk about the R.E.A.C.H Program and the close visit to Durban. The three Rush Ambassadors described how Rush Soccer exports the values of the sport to other countries and helps them through soccer since 2002.

Donna Pettigrew, R.E.A.C.H Director, shared in Colorado and Company some details about the program: "The R.E.A.C.H Project started in Virginia Rush in 2002 and it grew soon. The Ambassador Program born in 2005 and nowadays there are 78 ambassadors throughout the country. It's a really strong project, capable of bring nations together."

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