Mission and Vision

The mission of Full Court Peace is to unite, educate and strengthen local and global communities through basketball.

Full Court Peace envisions a global basketball community that serves all populations regardless of race or socioeconomic status, and which stands for peace, understanding and increased engagement across tenuous social divides.

Programs

Since 2013, Full Court Peace has focused its efforts in Fairfield County, CT. where income and achievement gaps are ranked the highest in the nation. Full Court Peace works to unite youth from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds through its Youth Basketball Program, through its High School Clubs, and through its Service Learning Program in Cuba. The Youth Basketball Program follows a curriculum designed at Harvard’s Graduate School of Education and the Kennedy School of Government, and encourages dialogue, teamwork, and the forging of sustained relationships among participants.
History

Founded in 2006 in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Full Court Peace worked to unite Protestant and Catholic high school boys by forming the first basketball league in the city where boys from both religions played together. For nine months, players practiced, played, traveled and worked together to overcome their differences while honing their basketball skills. The unlikely bonds formed during their experience playing for Full Court Peace remain intact today.

“Our youth lack ample opportunities to interact with one another, to truly understand one another, and to forge friendships across racial and socioeconomic lines. We are effectively raising children who will promote the status quo — a nation divided by race, class and income. The farther we slide away from each other, the less unified we are as a society, and the less prepared our children are to be socially competent citizens of this society.”

Founder and Executive Director, Mike Evans
FULL COURT PEACE WORKS TO ACTIVELY PURSUE THE FORMATION OF ONE COMMUNITY, BLIND TO ITS MEMBERS’ RACE OR SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS
Michael Evans is the Founder and Executive Director of Full Court Peace (FCP), a nonprofit organization that uses basketball as a means of unifying youth from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. He is also a contributor to the Huffington Post, and is the Head Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach at New Canaan High School in New Canaan, CT.

Evans is a graduate of Hamilton College, and a graduate of The Harvard Graduate School of Education, where he served as a coaching staff member on the Harvard Men's Basketball Team.

Evans started FCP in 2006 while playing semi-professional basketball in Belfast, Northern Ireland; after encountering the brutal division and violence still plaguing the city, he formed the first-ever half-Catholic, half-Protestant boys' high school basketball team in Belfast. Evans brought this same idea to Havana, Cuba and to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, where has done consulting and community work for the US government and for private organizations.

Since 2013, Evans and FCP have focused their efforts in Fairfield County, CT where income and achievement gaps are ranked the highest in the nation. Through a basketball curriculum designed by Evans at Harvard’s Graduate School of Education and the Kennedy School of Government, FCP and the programs it operates are working to achieve the vision Evans has laid out: a global basketball community that serves all populations, regardless of race, religion or socioeconomic status, which stands for peace, understanding and increased engagement across tenuous social divides.
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Yes
Amendment Applies:
Yes

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2525, 2526 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Director, Exempt Organizations

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Media Footprint

We've recently had the chance to speak with the following outlets. Click the link to visit the specific story.

CNN

nca
http://ncadvertiser.com/35814/...

unicef
http://learningforpeace.unicef...

SLAM
http://www.slamonline.com/the-...
Videos

Throughout our history we’ve had documentaries and other videos produced to spread our message.

Overview Video (2006-Present)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=

Full Court Peace in Northern Ireland (2006-2009)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=

Full Court Peace in Juarez, Mexico (2010-2014)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=

Full Court Peace in Cuba (2009 – Present)
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Full Court Peace in Connecticut (2013 – Present)
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