



Dear Wings Community,

**We are approaching the end of one of the most unique and challenging years in Urban Initiatives' history, and indeed in the history of Chicago.** We continue to be humbled by our incredible network of stakeholders - parents, staff, school partners, donors, and more - that have helped UI to adapt during this year of change.

Urban Initiatives' mission is to use the power of sport and play to empower Chicago's youth to achieve academic success, develop social-emotional skills, and build social capital. Since March, UI has continued our programming, just in a different format, to meet youth where they are at, focus on skills that will lead to successful remote learning, and recover from the tough circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

UI's first Crosstown with the Wilmette Wings began in 2004, and over the years we have worked with thousands of Wings players. The consistent support that UI has received from the Wings over the years has been nothing short of inspiring, and we feel lucky to have you all on our team as we close out 2020!

**From Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, the Wilmette Wings are hosting a fundraiser for Urban Initiatives, and I'm writing to you today to ask for your support.** Now more than ever, our youth need opportunities for social-emotional learning, chances to play and connections to the positive adult role models employed by UI programs.

**Your donation will directly impact the students in Urban Initiatives' programming.** A donation as small as \$10 will help us to continue serving the students of Chicago Public Schools during this difficult time. If you would like to donate, please head to our Crowdrise page [HERE](#).

UI's partnership with the Wings is long and full of fond memories of making connections on the soccer field. At this time when we aren't able to get together in person, we are grateful to continue to receive support from the Wings community.

For more information about our work, please visit us at [urbaninitiatives.org](http://urbaninitiatives.org). Thank you for your support!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Dower'.

Jim Dower  
Executive Director & Co-Founder