

# Becker Proudly Supports Youth Soccer Program that Empowers Children and Young Adults with Special Needs

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On the heels of the Women's World Cup victory, we are reminded that everyone, no matter who, can benefit from the empowerment of playing sports. This includes those with special needs.

Here at Becker giving back to the community is a core value. This year, the firm once again proudly sponsored TOPSoccer, the youth soccer program for athletes with intellectual, emotional, and/or physical disabilities. The program serves to enrich the lives of the children and young adults who participate and teaches confidence and other important skills. It also empowers them in all areas of their lives.

No one knows this better than Shareholder Steven Lesser, who serves as a longtime coach for the program and in 2010 was named TOPSoccer's Volunteer of the Year from the Florida Youth Soccer Association. "My son is a special needs child. I got involved with the program probably about 12 years ago. For those in the community with special needs kids, it is a great program because they feel like they are part of team. Unlike typical kids, they don't have the opportunity to engage in recreational sports. This is their chance. But it's not only playing soccer and exercise, it's the opportunity to socialize with other kids."

For more information about the program, [click here](#).

Watch the video below to see the powerful impact that TOPSoccer has on the participants and volunteers who take part in this wonderful program.