



# **DEAR FRIEND**

We invite you and your company to join Beat the Streets (BTS) in celebrating a decade of impact at our upcoming BTS 10th Anniversary Fundraiser on May 9, 2024, at L'Amoreaux Collegiate Institute in Scarborough.

### **ABOUT BEAT THE STREETS**

We are a positive youth development charity dedicated to advancing the education of low-income children and youth in the Greater Toronto Area through fun and unique wrestling, combat sports, life skills and employment-based programs.

Our vision is a world where every young person, regardless of their socioeconomic status, is empowered to go after their dreams.

# **HISTORY OF BEAT THE STREETS**

Since its inception in 2014, BTS has been on a remarkable journey, driven by a heartfelt commitment to youth development programs. Founded by former York University wrestling coach John Park, BTS was born out of a desire to share the invaluable life lessons learned through wrestling. Recognizing the need to provide tools and support for young individuals facing socio-economic barriers, John set out to help them dream big and reach their full potential.

Inspired by the impressive achievements of BTS New York and BTS Philadelphia, renowned for their impactful wrestling and mentoring programs with a remarkable 99% graduation rate, BTS modelled itself after these organizations.

Beat the Streets programs encourage healthy bodies, healthy minds and job readiness.

after-school wrestling programs started

255
new student
wrestlers

in number of active students

teachers certified as community coaches

90% of participants are low-income

30,000

low income children and youth served / in the GTA

5,300 hours of wrestling, combat sports, skillbuilding, job training and mentoring

opportunities

45+
participating schools

academic achievement

2 scholarships awarded 25 youth mentored

3,000 hours of volunteer and placement opportunities for youth

youth served through summer jobs program

in number of job ready youth

Meet Arely, a young wrestler whose life has been transformed by Beat the Streets. BTS supported her through wrestling, mentorship and work experience programs. As a result, she was the first in her family to attend university. Arely is now in her third year at York University on a scholarship.

"BTST encouraged my socialemotional skills, pushing me to reach for the stars, instilling self-belief, supporting healthy relationships, and creating a safe and fun environment."

**Arely Torales** 





# **EVENT DETAILS**

This unique 2-hour fundraising event will unite the community, stakeholders, distinguished guest speakers, participants, and partners to reflect on a decade of achievements and look forward to the next ten years of impactful initiatives. Impacts like starting after-school wrestling programs in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas and becoming a member of Beat the Streets National (USA).

Featured at the event will be extraordinary writers and fighters John Irving and Remi Adeleke, along with:

- Impact presentations from BTS staff and participants
- Live wrestling matches by BTS wrestlers
- Messages from the sponsors
- Snacks and refreshments

# **WHY SPONSOR**

- Brand visibility: Your partnership with Beat the Streets isn't just about visibility; it's about becoming a force for positive change in our community. Through marketing efforts, your brand will be associated with empowering youth to dream big and reach their full potential, regardless of their socioeconomic status.
- Social impact: Your support goes beyond financial contributions; it creates a ripple effect of change. You can play a crucial role in fostering active, confident, resilient

youth by supporting free wrestling, combat sports, and skill-building programs across the GTA.

### **SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

Diamond Sponsor: \$25,000 (1 available)

Platinum Sponsor: \$10,000

Gold Sponsor: \$5,000

Silver Sponsor: \$2,500

Your sponsorship is not just an investment; it's a catalyst for change in the lives of low-income children and youth. Supporting our event empowers us to channel every dollar raised into life-changing programming, such as delivering dynamic and impactful wrestling and resiliency-building programs.

# **SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE**

Please review the sponsorship package for more information on the benefits of becoming a sponsor. Feel free to contact Executive Director, Neal Ewers, at neal@beatthestreets.ca or 416-893-4476 for inquiries or to confirm your sponsorship.

Thank you for considering a partnership with Beat the Streets. We look forward to working together to make the BTS 10th Anniversary Fundraiser a memorable and impactful experience.

# **DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIP**

March 1, 2024

# Guest speakers

Join us for an inspiring evening with two distinguished speakers whose stories echo the resilience and determination we instill in our youth:



John Irving

Academy Award winning novelist

From Garp racing after speeding cars, to tiny Owen Meany hoisted to dunk basketballs and bombs, author John Irving's countless iconic characters are etched in literary history around the world. As a former wrestler, referee, and coach, he weaves the spirit of wrestling into his award-winning novels. For one special night, John Irving will step away from working on his 16th book to be our quest speaker.



Remi Adeleke

Former Navy Seal, Actor & Author

Sharing the stage with him is Navy SEAL, actor, author, filmmaker and motivational speaker. His best-selling memoir, "Transformed," tells the extraordinary story of his life journey from Western Africa to the Bronx, where he overcame adversity and forged a path of resilience. Remi has featured in films like Ambulance and The Plane, hosts the Down Range podcast and co-hosts Special Forces on Fox.



# **SOCIAL IMPACTS**

Sponsoring the Beat the Streets 10th Anniversary Fundraiser enables Beat the Streets to increase access to vital wrestling, combat sports, and skill-building programs by delivering free programs to low-income children and youth, empowering them to not only dream big but providing them with the means to achieve those dreams.

Each sponsorship will have real social impacts and remove barriers for children and youth to participate in fun, dynamic and unique development programs:



# Diamond Sponsor \$25,000

Your generous support as a Diamond Sponsor will directly fund the delivery of four Wrestle 4 Fun after-school programs, serving 120 low-income children. You'll be instrumental in providing them with valuable skills and mentorship.



# Platinum Sponsor \$10,000

Your Platinum
Sponsorship
will support the
delivery of two
Wrestle 4 Fun
after-school
programs,
serving 60 lowincome children,
ensuring they
have access to
positive, enriching
activities.



# Gold Sponsor \$5,000

By becoming a Gold Sponsor, you contribute to the delivery of three Level Up or You Grow Girl programs, serving 60 low-income youth. Your sponsorship helps them build resiliency and confidence.



# Silver Sponsor \$2,500

By becoming a Silver Sponsor, you will support the delivery of one month of Wrestle 4 Fun, introducing 600 low-income children to the sport of wrestling and encouraging physical literacy.





Sponsorship levels



Platinum \$10,000



Gold \$5,000



Silver \$2,500

### Promotional benefits before and during the event Logo placement (website, event page, registration page, event Prime logo Prime logo Prominent Logo program, signage in room, placement placement logo placement placement videos, flyers and social media posts) Company name in all social media tags up to and including events (approximately 8-12 posts/month) On-stage recognition during the event Inclusion in BTS event video. 3-5 minutes of speaking time during the event. Promotional benefits after the event Logo on BTS home page and 12 months 12 months 6 months 4 months partners page Logo and company name in 10 blog posts 6 blog posts 4 blog posts 2 blog posts blog posts over 12 months Logo and company name in Instagram, Facebook and 12 posts 8 posts 6 posts 4 posts Twitter social media posts over 12 months Company name tagged in 12 months 12 months 6 months 4 months all social media posts Logo and company name included in all promotional 12 months 12 months 6 months 4 months materials (e.g. newsletters, impact reports, videos) Sponsorship benefits Complimentary tickets to event 10 10 5 2 BTS "swag bag" (Branded 10 10 5 2 athletic apparel, hat, towel, drawstring bag, water bottle) Autographed materials from guest speakers John Irving & Books and pictures Books and pictures Pictures Reme Adeleke 10 minute meet and greet with guest speakers John Irving &

Reme Adeleke during event



# **TARGET: \$100,000**

We aim to raise \$100,000 to unlock development opportunities for at least 3,560 low-income children and youth in our community for the 2024/2025 school year.

# **HOW THE FUNDS WILL BE SPENT**

- 6 Wrestle 4 Fun after-school programs (6-month programs for 180 low-income children): \$45,850
- 12 Level Up & You Grow Girl (8-hour programs for 180 students): \$25,350
- 16 weeks of Wrestle 4 Fun program (5-hour programs for 3,200 students): \$28,800

# **RESULTS**

Your sponsorship isn't just about money; it's about making things happen.

 The Wrestle 4 Fun educational program led to 12 new after-school wrestling

- programs, serving 255 new student wrestlers.
- In Level Up & You Grow Girl programs, participants reported improvements in confidence, discipline, goal-setting, and physical activity.
- Notably, our Wrestle 4 Fun after-school initiative has been pivotal for at-risk youth, contributing to improved academic achievements and higher graduation rates.

Your support is all about creating concrete, positive shifts in the lives of those we serve.

# **FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

Total income*	\$133,000
Total expenses*	\$32,620
Total profit*	\$100,380

\*estimated



# **SIGN UP AS A SPONSOR**

If you would like to become a sponsor, please fill in the following form and a BTS representative will contact you shortly.

Sponsorship form

# **DONATE TO BEAT THE STREETS**

To donate to BTS without becoming a sponsor, please use the following link:

Donate

# MAKE AN IN-KIND DONATION

To make an in-kind donation towards the fundraiser or BTS programs, contact Neal Ewers at neal@beatthestreets.ca.

# **PURCHASE TICKETS**

To purchase tickets to the 10th Anniversary Fundraiser please visit the event page here:

**Buy tickets** 

# **SIGN UP TO NEWSLETTER**

To stay up to date with all the latest event news and BTS success stories, sign up to the BTS newsletter:

Sign up to newsletter

# **MORE INFORMATION**

If you would like more information on this sponsorship package, or have any questions, please contact Executive Director, neal@beatthestreets.ca.



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