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Youth Sports Programs Can Get Help, Insight Into Applying for Grant Support From Wilson Legacy Fund

Nonprofit organizations in Livingston, Monroe, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne and Yates counties interested in applying for grants from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund for Youth Sports are invited to attend one of two technical assistance and information sessions in November to learn more about the process.

The information sessions, facilitated by Greater Rochester After-School Alliance, will provide an opportunity to review the application process, discuss resources, potentially find a collaborator and ask any additional questions. These sessions will be held on:

November 13: 10 a.m. to noon at the Boys & Girls Club of Geneva, 160 Carter Road, Geneva.

November 27: 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Common Ground Health, 1150 University Avenue, Rochester.

The sessions are free, but registration is required. Email name, agency and preferred session to YouthSports@racf.org.

Grant applications for the second round of youth sports funding are being accepted through January 18, 2019 (more details at www.racf.org/YouthSports). Government entities and school districts may apply, but preference will be given to nonprofits.

The overarching goal of youth sports grants is to strengthen the quality, quantity, and accessibility of youth sports and recreation programs for children under age 18 in these counties based on findings in the *State of Play: Greater Rochester & The Finger Lakes* report (www.racf.org/StateofPlay). Up to \$500,000 will be available for this round of grants.



The foundation created by the late Buffalo Bills founder Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. awarded \$5 million to Rochester Area Community Foundation in December 2016 specifically to expand and improve opportunities for youth sports and recreation programs in the greater Rochester region. (More details on this partnership are available at www.racf.org/Wilson).

The gift established the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund for Youth Sports. After a competitive grant application process that attracted 82 applications, earlier this year the fund distributed \$329,000 to support 20 projects that directly impacted more than 6,500 youth in Monroe, Ontario, Seneca and Wayne counties.