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The Aiken Department of Public Safety's Police Athletic League (PAL) was organized as a non-profit organization in April, 2006. PAL serves the Aiken community by providing children who may not qualify for standard athletic programs or other activities due to lack of disposable income, behavior problems, low academic standing or other environmental issues, an opportunity to participate in organized sports and other positive activities. However, all children who live in the Community of Aiken are eligible to participate.

Our successes include:

- **Three Panther football teams**, along with **3 cheerleading teams** participate in Aiken County Youth Football for ages 6-12 years old. Approximately 70 % of our athletes have never played organized football.
- **"Panther Hoops"**- a co-ed non-competitive developmental basketball league for ages 6-18.
- **PAL Youth Leadership Program-** Youth attend cultural events, leadership seminars and trainings, college sporting events and college campus visits. In 2019, we implemented Aiken HYPE (Healthy Young People Empowerment) Team.
- **Track and Field** – Co-ed track team for ages 6-18. Our Track team has produced qualifiers and medalist for the AAU and USATF National Junior Olympics. Felicia Tucker who began PAL track at 8 years old, is a Wendy's High School Heisman Award winner. Felicia is the first National Winner from the state of South Carolina.
- Each year participants receive scholarships to participate in **Hook a Kid on Golf**.
- **Recognition of each participant** with trophies, medals, or character awards.
- **Recognition of special achievements** such as academic performance, perfect attendance or behavior awards.

Every activity that we sponsor has primarily been a result of the generosity of the Aiken Community. The Aiken DPS PAL Board is very proud of the fact that 100% of the grant funds and donations received are applied to programs and not administration.

Please consider a donation to the Aiken Department of Public Safety Police Athletic League. Many of the youth in our program would not have the opportunities that they have today without their participation in PAL. To our knowledge, less than 1% of our participants have become involved in the juvenile justice system after participating in our program. We firmly believe that this is a result of occupying idle time and the improved quality of life for our participants and their families.

Sincerely,

Teagan Green

Children, Youth and Family Coordinator/ PAL Director