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PLAYERS COALITION AWARDS OVER \$1 MILLION IN GRANTS AS PART OF THEIR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES AND ENSURE SAFETY FOR YOUTH

[Players Coalition](#), a nonprofit founded in 2017 by NFL Legends **Anquan Boldin** and **Malcolm Jenkins**, announced today it has awarded over one million dollars in 2023 to 20 nonprofit organizations advancing education opportunities and ensuring safety and wellbeing for youth in underinvested communities across the country.

These contributions are part of the Players Coalition’s continued commitment to breaking down barriers so future generations have equitable opportunities to thrive. Since 2018, Players Coalition has contributed **\$9,438,255** in grants and donations to nonprofits, schools and community-based programs across the country working to drive systemic and social change within its four focus pillars of Police and Community Relations, Criminal Justice Reform, Education and Economic Advancement.

One of this year’s recipients is the [Jonathan Jones Next Step Foundation](#), founded by the New England Patriots Cornerback. “With the generous support of Players Coalition, we will be able to further the project at St. John Paul II Catholic Academy Lower Mills by developing a new STEM Lab and supporting technology resources and coding robots, leading to a significant impact on the students and their educational journey” said **Jones**.

Players Coalition grants support organizations that focus on both direct impact work to meet immediate community needs, as well as solutions centered around lived experiences to address systemic inequities. The player-led grantmaking process empowers athletes to direct funding to nonprofits who are accelerating impact around aligned priority issues in their local communities.

This year, Players Coalition focused support on four intersecting issue areas: **Education, Play Equity, Youth Justice** and **Violence Prevention**.

Education: [Antioch High School](#), [Compudopt \(Atlanta\)](#), [Junior Achievement USA](#), [Next Step Foundation](#), [Rancho High School](#), [The Athlete Academy](#), [The Hope Initiative](#), [The Marshall Project](#), and [The Zinn Education Project](#)

Play Equity: [Baseball For Life](#), [Center for Healing and Justice Through Sport](#), [Digital Pioneers Academy](#), Ready Set Drive Sports Club, and [Women and Kids Empowerment \(WAKE\)](#)



Youth Justice: [Advancement Project](#), [Café Momentum](#), [National Center for Youth Law](#), and [The Gault Center](#)

Violence Prevention: [1 Million Madly Motivated Mothers \(1M4\)](#) and [The T.R.I.G.G.E.R. Project](#)

Players Coalition is honored to support and align with these 20 organizations that are using preventative approaches and elevating the youth voice in addressing root causes of these interrelated social justice issues.

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About Players Coalition

Players Coalition is an independent 501(c)(3) (charity) and 501(c)(4) (advocacy) organization, working with professional athletes, coaches and owners across leagues to improve social justice and racial equality in our country

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