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Dear Sponsor:

This is an invitation for you as a sponsor to participate in the continuing growth and success of the Texas Tornadoes Volleyball Club. For the past twenty years, our Club has provided girls 5 -18 years of age an opportunity to train and compete at the local, state and national level in the sport of volleyball.

Many of our girls require financial assistance to keep up with the rising costs of training and travel. For several consecutive seasons, the Texas Tornadoes Volleyball Club has enrolled over 400 girls into the program and anticipates the same number of girls for the 2016-2017 season. The Club continues to seek funding through corporate and individual sponsors, advertisement and participant fees. These fees ensure girls the opportunity to pursue their dreams of playing the game they love and get a college education for up to 5 years paid.

Each year, the Texas Tornadoes Volleyball Club trains from November through May and extends their season into July, as teams compete at Junior Nationals and AAU's. We have been highlighted in Volleyball Magazine as one of the new clubs to watch as well as articles about a 13 year old team for their outstanding 53-1 record and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish against Puerto Rico at the USA Junior Nationals. From 1994-2016, Tornadoes has qualified over 76 teams to this prestigious tournament, not only winning medals, but teaching life-long team lessons to our players.

In 2011, Texas Tornadoes sent 2 teams to AAU Championships, 2 teams to USA Girls Junior Nationals and in July of 2011 and 2012, we sent 31 players, coaches and parents to Nicaragua for a week to help with community service projects. Programs such as teaching English to local employees, traveling in an old bus called a "Mobile Library," to deliver books to the small villages that do not have access to education. Our team also spent time in the schools, orphanages and training with the Nicaraguan National Team. The group also brought 70 bags of donation items collected from our club (books, school supplies, clothes, sports equipment and financial donations) that we distributes throughout our trip. Check out our Facebook Page "Texas Tornadoes Nicaragua Trip 2011" for details, pictures and videos of the trip...it was a life-changer for all who participated!

In 2012, Texas Tornadoes sent 4 teams to AAU Championships and 5 teams qualified for the USA Junior Nationals. We are proud to announce that our 12 Mizuno team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nation and are hoping to return next season to claim the National Championship.

For the 2013 season, Tornadoes sent 19 teams to AAU Nationals, while 5 qualified for USA Junior Nationals. We also had three teams of players play internationally this season. One group flew to Nicaragua to compete and provide much needed community service. The other two teams participated in the highly recognized Global Challenge in Pula, Croatia. Here our teams competed with Junior and Youth National Teams from 9 participating countries, giving our athletes an experience they may never have in the USA.

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In 2014, Texas Tornados sent 11 teams to AAU Championships and 5 teams qualified for the USA Junior Nationals.

In 2015, Texas Tornados sent 7 teams to Girls Junior Nationals, 3 teams to AAU Nationals and 2 teams to Volleyfest this past summer.

In 2016, Texas Tornados sent 7 teams to Girls Junior Nationals, 2 teams to AAU Nationals and 1 team to Volleyfest this past summer. Our 17 Mizuno team medaled with a 3rd place finish. Our 14's finished 5th and our 11's and 15's finished 11th.

For the past 21 years 95% of all graduating seniors are playing volleyball at the next level. We have girls playing in Division I, II, III, NAIA and Junior College programs throughout the county. Throughout the season college coaches from all divisions come into our gym to recruit our players on a consistent basis. Over the years we have had players ranked in the top 5 to 25 in the nation.

Our coaching staff consists of strong role models, many from Division I and high school sport programs that have been with our club for many years. The consistency and personalities of our coaches is what draws many new players to the program.

Along with a competitive spirit, the club presents a nurturing environment where girls learn the game of volleyball in a supportive climate and life lessons to apply to daily situations. The success of the club over the past twelve years provides our girls with a sense of belonging to a winning program and enhances each member's self-esteem. As a member of our sport program the girls gain skills in responsibility and discipline. We believe that our program teaches individuals to excel, promotes family unity and develops leadership.

We also spotlight girls seeking scholarships to NCAA colleges and universities. Part of our full-time staff includes a recruiting coordinator to promote our 15-18 year old recruit-able athletes and to help focus our female athletes on the importance of attending a University and pursuing an athletic scholarship.

By personalizing the participation in our club, it extends to the families at home. Parent participation is strongly encouraged and special attention is given to those families that need additional assistance. With sponsorship support we have been able to assist those in need and provide National exposure for those seeking scholarships.

As a **501 (c) (3) non-profit** organization, we hope you will give strong consideration to assisting one of our players from the Texas Tornados Volleyball Club with financial support. Thank you in advance for providing an opportunity for our girls to succeed.

Sincerely,



JoEllen Thibodeaux  
President  
Texas Tornados Volleyball Club

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