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Pictured Above: Banquet speaker Teneasha Washington with Soccumentary hosts J'Niah and Carmen on either side and her own daughters, Nylah and Aamiyah, in front.

On November 15, we gathered for our annual Celebration. So far we have produced three recorded editions of *Soccumentary* with J'Niah and Carmen as our hosts. On that night, J'Niah and Carmen got to do their thing live!

For years, sisters and Cornerstone students Nylah and Aamiyah have played soccer with NorthStar. Their mother, Teneasha, is a single mom who is devoted to her girls and to making a positive impact on other kids and families who struggle. Somehow, even as a single mom with two girls, she not only graduated from UAB but pushed through to complete her PhD and join the faculty!

This summer, PhD program coming to a close, Teneasha started putting her 'extra time' to work volunteering for NorthStar: Mentor, Assistant Coach, Banquet Speaker, and newest NorthStar Board member! NorthStar is blessed to have her!

We think about coaching, we think about soccer. Yes, we want them to learn the skills to be successful on the field, but there is so much more that they learn out there on the field . . . "

-Teneasha Washington

(Check out the full video of Teneasha's speech and the live *Soccumentary* show on our website!)

The first ever *Soccumentary* live showing on November 15 was a fabulous culmination of this year-long effort.

Live on stage, the girls got to interview parent/assistant coach Teneasha Washington. Guests at the event got to experience a dynamic presentation on what happens at NorthStar and the kids got to tell that story while having a load of fun learning a new skill!

Make sure you are signed up for ministry emails so you can get the 2019 editions of *Soccumentary* in your inbox!

PERSPECTIVE: SOCCUMENTARY

BY PAUL NEVILLE

Looking back to November 2017, last year's NorthStar Celebration brought youth participation in the annual fundraising event to an all-time high.

It was all quite well received. Our guests thoroughly enjoyed hearing directly from kids who are benefiting from the program. But what struck me even more was that many of our kids enjoy telling their stories. They enjoy it, and they learn from the process of doing it. A classic win-win. Hmm. How could we expand that?

The answer? *Soccumentary*, a documentary about NorthStar Soccer.

In the spring, we were able to produce two editions of *Soccumentary* with Carmen and J'Niah as the hosts. This fall, the girls were able to remotely interview local legend and new Birmingham Legion FC player Chandler Hoffman.

Pictured Right: On the left, Teneasha Washington shares her story with guests at the NorthStar banquet. On the right, Soccumentary hosts Carmen and J'Niah interview her.

CELEBRATING MINISTRY IMPACT IN 2018

Pictured Left:
Director Paul Neville and Coach Teneasha Washington (and her daughter in the red scarf) with their U10 Girls team after the final tournament of the fall season

Thank You 2018 Banquet Sponsors:

Primary sponsorship for the NorthStar Celebration came from A-1 Products and Ingram Equipment Company, as well as two anonymous sponsors. Additional sponsorship was provided by Len Shannon and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. An additional 16 individuals sponsored a table at either $350 or $500.

The net proceeds for the event (including new pledges) was $29,500. Thank you so much to all our generous donors!

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These contributions helped make programs this Fall possible! When you give you impact the life of a child at NorthStar on and off the field!

Parent Testimonial

"Coach Paul ,
My husband and I would like to thank you for the opportunity for our son to play soccer. We are firm believers that God orders our steps, and God placed an old video on the program in my view, and that same day I asked about signing Devyn up. He has been with NorthStar for almost 4 years , and he absolutely loves it. We thank you and Coach Doug for teaching him about the sport and reaffirming the Word of God. We just wanted to show our support to you, the ministry, the coaches, and the players."

Chandler Hoffman Supports NorthStar Soccer

Pictured Above:
Chandler Hoffman partnered with NorthStar to film an interview with Carmen and J'Niah for Soccumentary! Check it out on our website!

Professional soccer player Chandler Hoffman grew up playing soccer in Birmingham. He then played at UCLA in college and as a professional player at various clubs. This spring, he will be returning to Birmingham to play for the new USL team, the Birmingham Legions FC!

NorthStar is very pleased to have his support, and we look forward to the impact he will make with the NorthStar kids! Check out the Birmingham Legion at bhmlegion.com.

NORTHSTAR COACHES MADE AN IMPACT THIS FALL

Above: Intern Ross Brown with Hemphill players getting ready for a NorthStar Intramural Game
Left: Volunteer Coach Doug Walk breaking it down to the U9 Boys Academy team at half time.
Lower Left: Intern Casey Cunningham staffing the registration table on a Saturday for NorthStar Intramural League games.

Interested in becoming a coach?

These are just a sampling of our coaches from the Fall season. Never played soccer in your life? Neither had Casey, Graham, or Teneasha—yet they were able to have a significant impact on kids both on and off the field. Maybe you are like Ross, who had soccer experience but had never coached? We can get you training!
In 2019, we hope to build our Intramural program. We will maintain the same number of practice locations but increase the number of players/teams at each location. We need coaches! We need YOU! Email pneville@northstaryouthministries.org for a volunteer application or visit our website for more information.

Bottom left: Volunteer Graham Harsh prepping U6 Hemphill players before their big game.
Bottom center: Coach Henry Bargaye and Assistant Coach Isabel Girling with the U13 Girls team (*Soccumentary* host Carmen preparing to make the throw in.)
Bottom right: Volunteer Coach (and Board Member) Raymond Butler in half time talk with NorthStar Competitive 05 Boys Team

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NorthStar Soccer Ministries invests in the lives of urban youth in Birmingham by providing a high-quality Soccer Club within a holistic, Christian environment.

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