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My name is Alexander Sanchez. I have started playing softball few months back only. I participated in my first U10 tournament few weeks ago and ended up in the winning side by 5-2. Now, I am aiming for the USSSA tournament. With this, I have also ended my U9 season with so

many learnings and memories. I started the season late thus had to work harder to compete and prove myself. However I managed at the end. All appreciation to my coach and mates. I wouldn't have made it without their support.



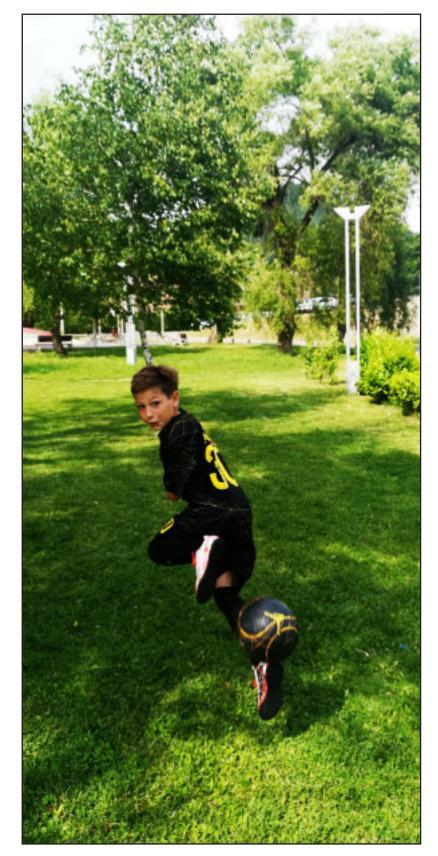




# lexander Sanchez







My name is Dan Dragos. I am state level U11 football player at Dr. Brown's local football team.

I am very passionate about this sport, and I put all my efforts and dedication into playing it and training for great results every week. My dream is to play football in an international football academy and to meet Messi in person. I believe that with dedication, anything is possible.

On the field, I approach each practice session with a clear objective in mind. Beyond individual goals, I understand the importance of teamwork, striving to forge strong connections with my teammates and contribution to our collective success.

As a young player, the challenges of playing matches with more experienced opponents or setbacks on the field are the hardest. But I'm embracing these challenges as opportunities for growth, learning from every defeat and setback to emerge stronger and more resilient.

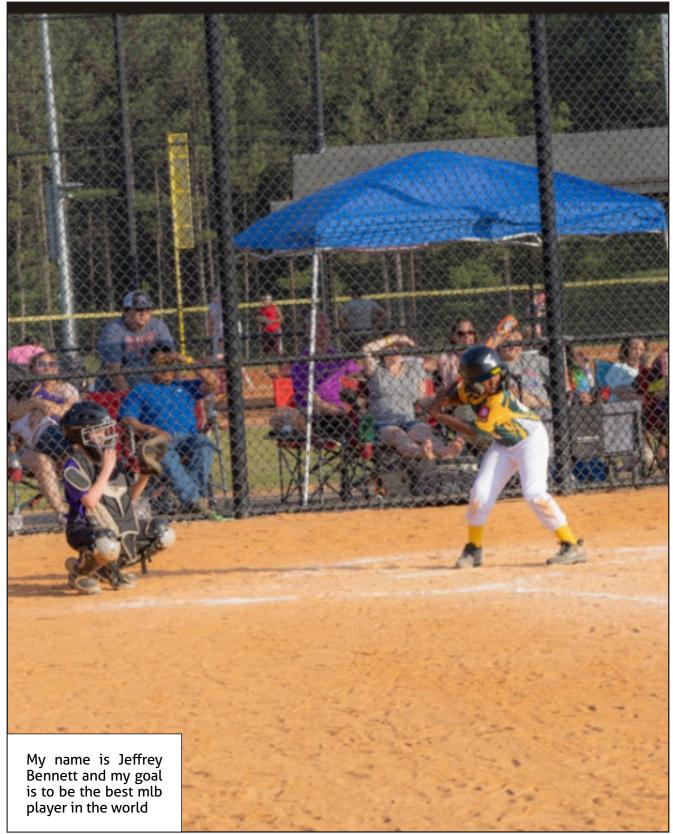
When it comes to achievements, whether it's scoring my first hat-trick, receiving accolades for my performance, or witnessing my team obtaining the victory in a hard-fought match, each achievement fuels my passion for football. Winning the bronze medal into the intercounty U11 tournament with my team that took place in 2023 was definitely my biggest achievement so far. I would like to thank my coach, my colleagues and my family which are very supportive with me.

I dream big, envision myself playing in grand stadiums, representing my country, and scoring goals that echo through history. It comes along the force behind every sprint, every dribble, and every goal I score.

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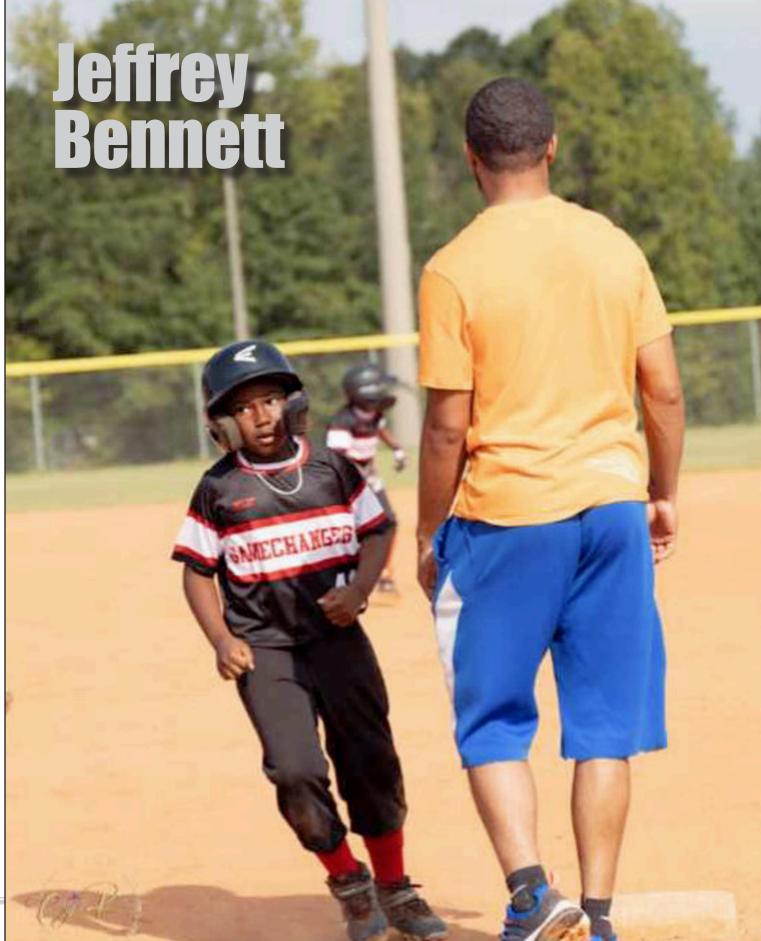


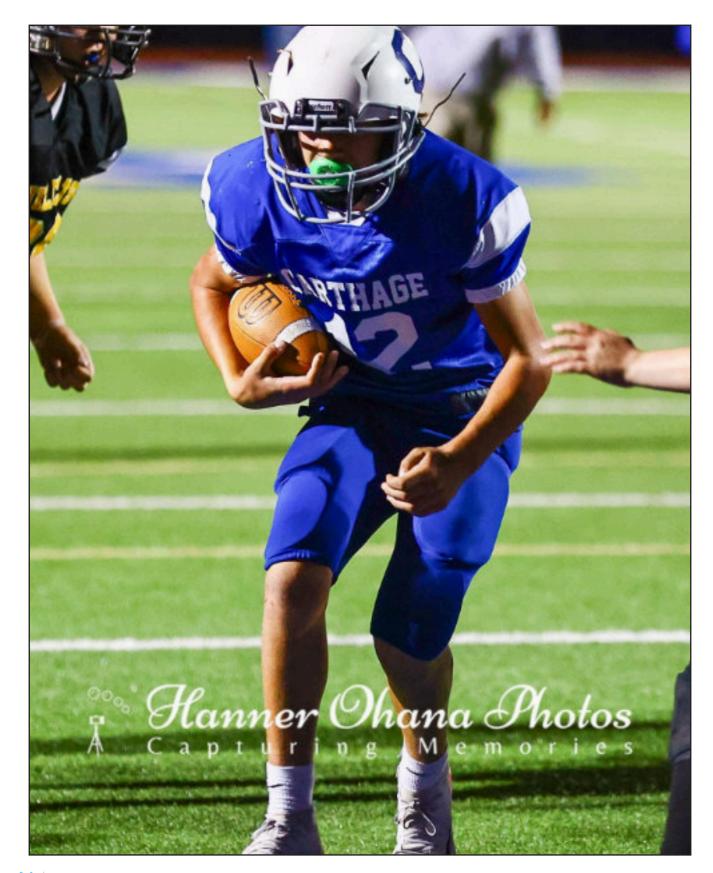


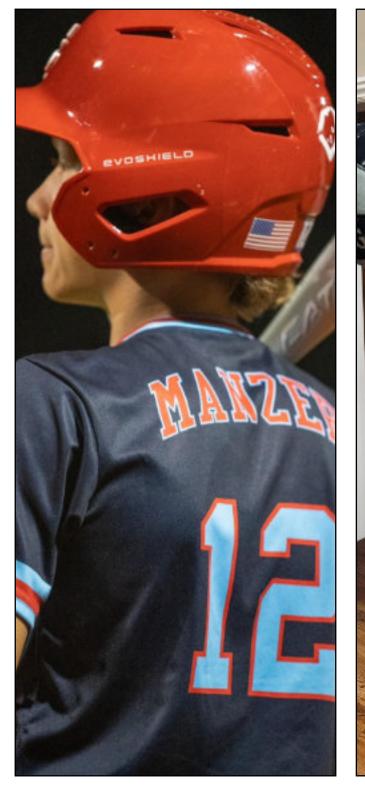












My name is Karter Manzer, I am a football player that started playing baseball. I love all sports. I play basketball as well. I love to work out. I am 12 Photos Credits: Melanie Manzer



years old and I hope to play sports in college.

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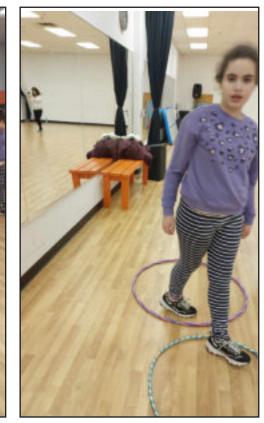
Mon nom est Marie-Danielle Nicolas, je suis la directrice générale des Loisirs de Kiki, mon but est non seulement d'offrir des loisirs adaptés aux enfant besoins ayant des particuliers mais aussi de sensibiliser la population en général par rapport aux comportements des enfants ayant des besoins particuliers, il suffit de prendre un recul et de s'adapter à eux car ils n'ont pas la capacité de s'adapter aux autres, avec de la patience, la persévérance İls sont capables de réaliser beaucoup de chose.

C'est notre deuxième année, on a eu des sessions avec un enfant avec un parent. Des sessions avec deux enfants. De session en session le nombre a augmenté. Ce qui me motive c'est que je vois qu'il y a des parents qui reviennent car ils ont eu de petites victoires auprès de leurs enfants et aussi la confiance qu'ils ont dans les Loisirs de Kiki. Notre équipe est beaucoup plus expérimenté.

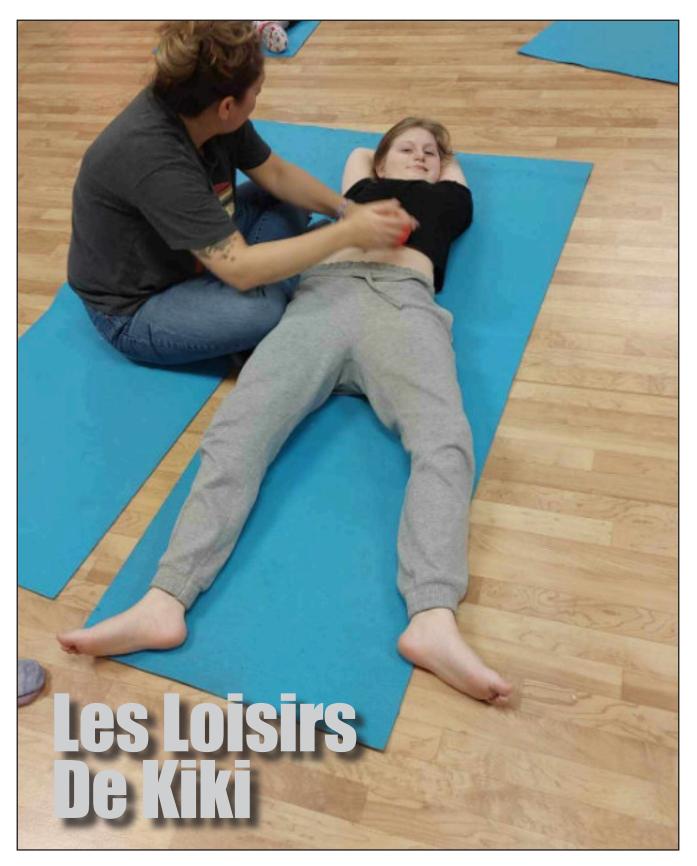
Le fait que certains parents reviennent, confirme que je fais un travail positif. Nous avions débuté avec le cours de gymnastique adapté mais nous aimerions avoir d'autres cours comme le yoga adapté, la danse



















adapté, l'éveil musical etc..

J'aimerais que plus de gens savent qu'il y a un service de loisir adapté qui existe pour pouvoir fournir plus de services comme mentionné tantôt.

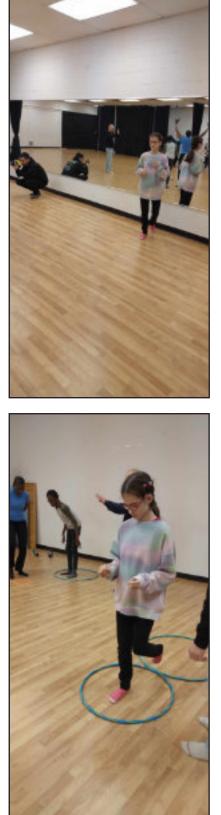
Je souhaite que ces enfants vulnérables ne soient pas en marge de la société, ils ont leur place, ce sont des personnes à part entière. Je veux sensibiliser les gens à comprendre qu'ils sont différents et les accepter sans jugement pour avoir une société plus inclusive. Cette démarche peut prendre du temps mais avec la patience, la persévérance on pourra y arriver ensemble.

Je ne veux pas me faire des illusions non plus qu'ils vont faire l'université mais ils seront capables d'être plus autonome, capable de prendre l'autobus ou de prendre le métro, les essentiels de la vie au quotidien. Je travaille fort pour que cela se produise

Mon plus grand défi, c'est de trouver plus de monde et aussi d'avoir la capacité et les moyens d'offrir les autres cours adaptés et aussi de convaincre les parents que ces stimulations, les activités que nous faisons vont aider leurs enfants. Je ne pense pas que les écoles prennent le temps nécessaire d'organiser des activités comme nous.

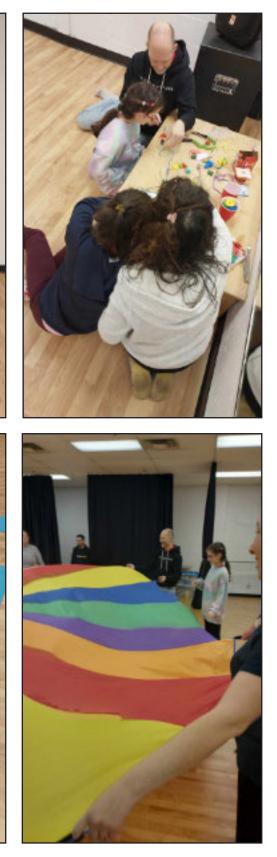
Ma fille a une déficience intellectuelle et est sur le spectre de l'autisme. Elle fréquente une école spécialisée mais l'école n'a pas de plan académique elle ne fait pas énormément de chose pour le temps qu'elle passe et les besoins qu'elle a. Dès fois je dis c'est mieux qu'elle va à l'école au lieu de rester à la maison.

Je crois que ces enfants doivent avoir une place dans la société comme tous les autres enfants. Qu'ils aient des loisirs tout comme autres. Ils ont le droit.









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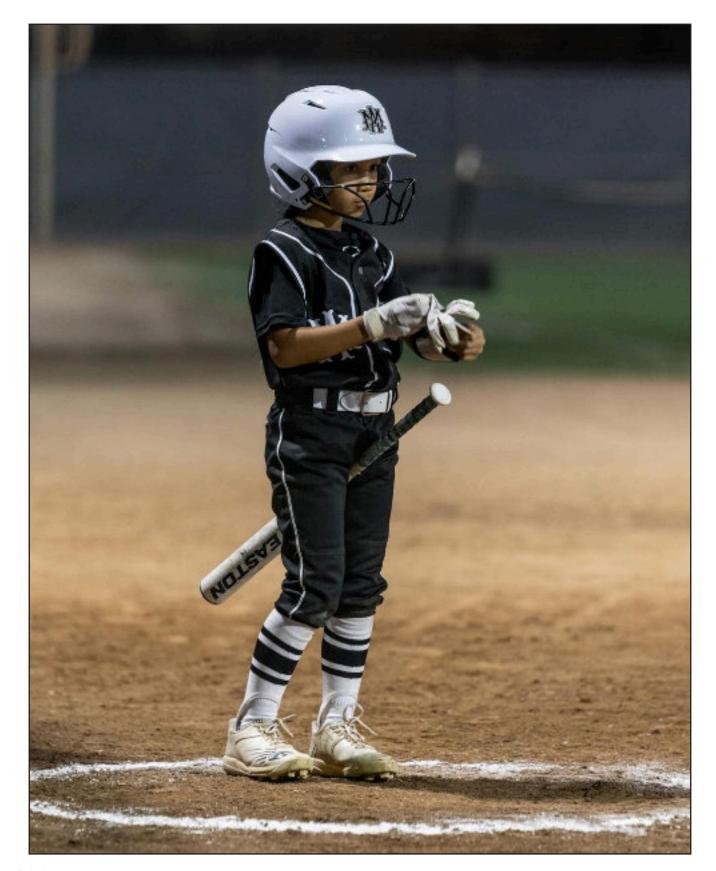


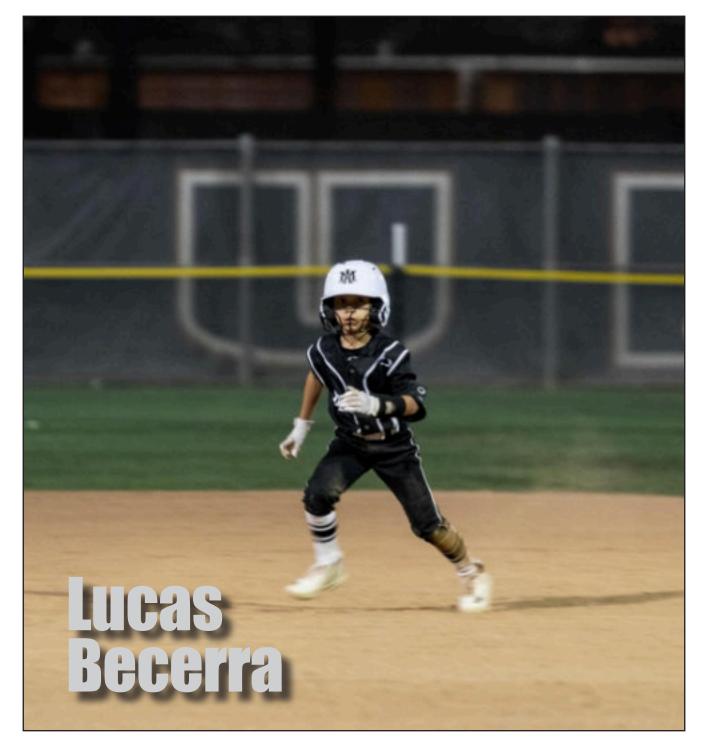








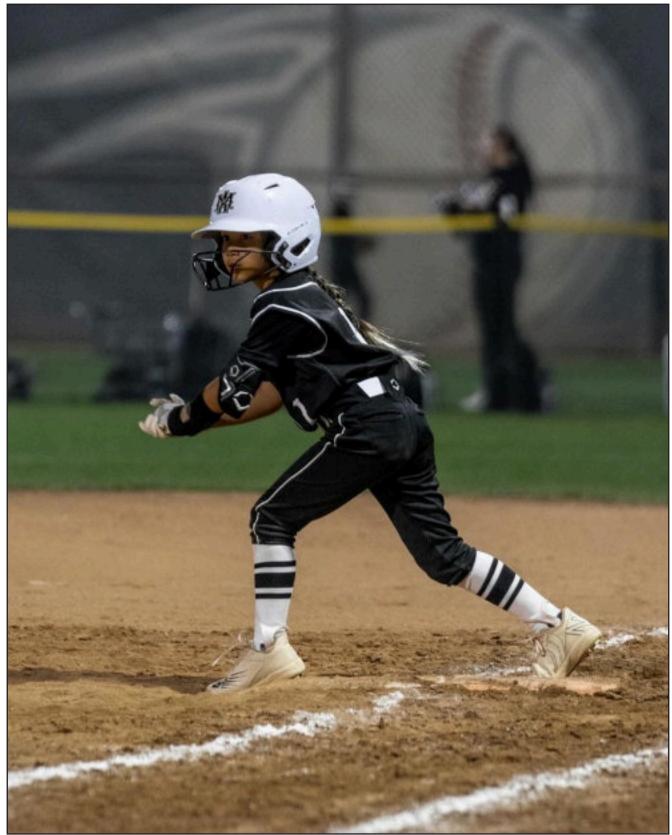




My name is Lucas Becerra. I am 8 years old. I hail from California, US. I started playing softball since the age of 5.1 manage my time well along with my school. This is my major challenge. Few weeks ago, I played my first TCS tournament and I am ready to appear in my second tournament in

March. Last time, we were the champions in the 10U category and we defeated the team in the finals by 33-30. I played an important part there and this is one of my major achievement. My dream is to appear the national jersey someday.







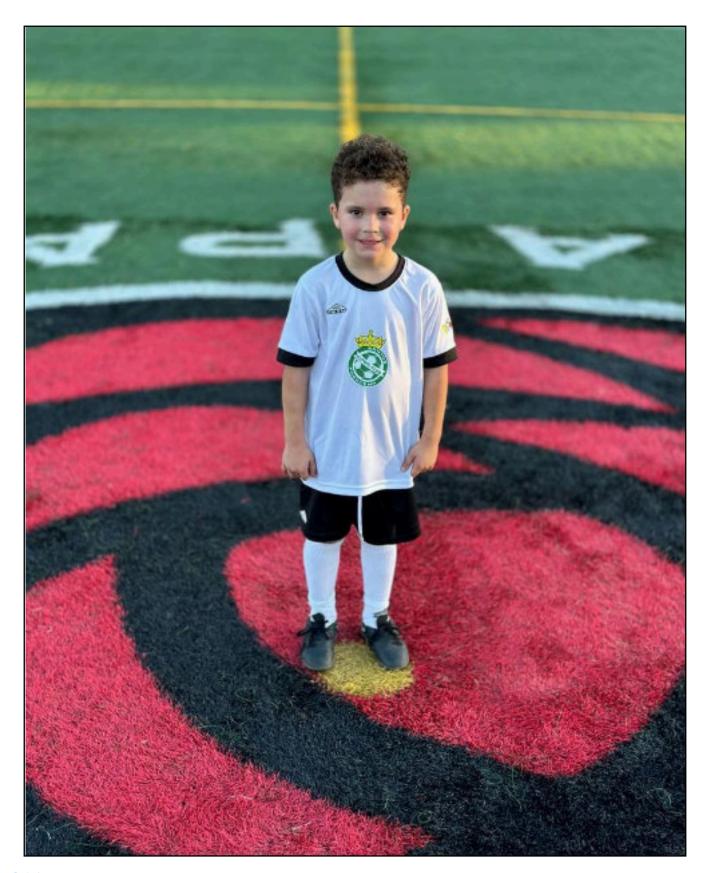


## Lucas Becerra





In the USA I started playing soccer at the Manchester City Academy - then at the El Santos club in Pasadena - and I currently play for Los









My name is Max and I currently play for two teams as a goalkeeper. I am 12 years old, almost 13! My dream is to one day step onto the pitch as a professional goalkeeper. Lewis Ward and Pickford are my inspirations. One of my biggest achievements is getting into Swindon Advanced/ Elite squad after trying out with several other keepers, I was selected. I have a great coach called Shaun who continues to push me and coach the best out of me.

My grassroots team is Swindon SuperMarine and my biggest achievement was keeping a clean

sheet in the Malmesbury tournament right until the finals with two penalty shootouts prior. Also getting mangers player of the season the previous year, again I have great coaches, Paddy and Gordy who believe in me and push me to go better and harder all the time.

I train 4 days a week with also some 1-1 goalkeeper training to make sure I am always improving. Being a goalkeeper is a very natural position for me. I'm fearless and don't like any goals getting passed me!





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My dreams is to be successful in professional athlete a baseball life, to achieve all the goals I set. I'd love to become a man. Be able to give back to

those who need it the most. To help other kids like myself achieve their goals too.









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My name is Preston Crisp, and I was born on March 30, 2014, in the beautiful sunshine state of Florida.

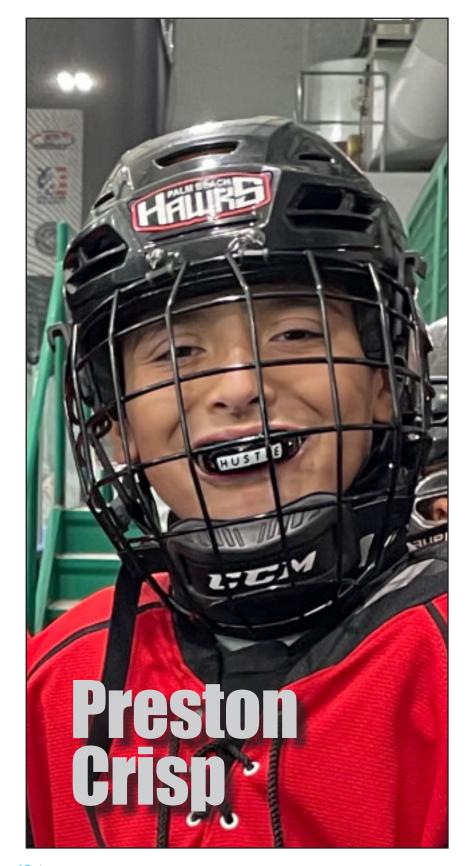
My love for hockey began at such a young age that I can't even remember a time when I wasn't captivated by the sport. It feels like I was born with a hockey stick in my hand! According to my parents, I was already engrossed in watching hockey games every single day before I even started walking. The sight of those players gliding effortlessly across the ice and scoring incredible goals was pure magic to me.

When I got the opportunity to step onto the ice for the first time at the age of three, I was instantly hooked. From that point on, I dedicated myself to hockey with unwavering passion and determination. I practice diligently every single day, pushing myself to improve my skills and become the best player I can be. At just nine years old, I take great pride in being recognized as one of the top hockey players in the state of Florida within my age group.

But my journey doesn't end there. I was incredibly fortunate to achieve a significant milestone in my hockey career by winning the 2023 10UA Florida State Championship title with the Palm Beach Hawks. It was one of the happiest days of my life, and I will forever be grateful to Coach Max Genest for pushing me beyond my comfort zone. Coach Max is a tough mentor, but he taught me invaluable lessons about respect both on and off the ice. He emphasized the importance of maintaining a healthy diet, creating strategic plays, never giving up, taking accountability for my actions, playing to win, and losing with dignity and respect. Coach







Max instilled a sense of confidence in me that will undoubtedly shape my hockey career. I am eternally thankful for the opportunity he gave me, and I was determined to make him proud.

My hard work paid off when I earned a coveted spot on the 2014 Montreal Canadiens Brick Team. I cannot express enough gratitude towards the Montreal Canadiens Brick Team and its General Manager, Dave Harroch, for granting me this life-changing opportunity. It was a dream come true when I discovered that I had been selected as one of the three imports to be a part of this extraordinary team. The moment Dave Harroch and head coach Eric Harroch confirmed my place on the team, tears of joy welled up in my eyes.

I vividly recall that day as if it were yesterday. My dad was waiting for me in the car, and when I told him I made the team, he couldn't contain his joy. He hugged me tightly, his eyes filled with tears, and expressed how proud he was of me. It was a moment of pure bliss, and we both shed tears of happiness during the car ride. Then it was time to share the news with my mom. She was anxiously waiting for my call at a store, and when I informed her about making the team, she dropped to her knees and cried tears of joy. I can still hear her saying, "You did it, baby! You did it!" My mom's pride in me was immeasurable, and I am determined to maintain my position as her favorite hockey player.

My goal of playing in the Brick Tournament is just months away.

Representing the Brick is akin to playing in the NHL itself. The tournament garners attention from millions of people, and scouts from all around the world will be on the lookout for future NHL prospects. I am currently training rigorously and preparing myself to give my all alongside my teammates.

I take great pride in the fact that my achievements have not gone unnoticed. I have been fortunate enough to capture the attention of the NHL Network, and it was an incredible honor to be featured on their episode of Chill Skills. Seeing myself on TV was a surreal experience that only





### fueled my aspirations further.

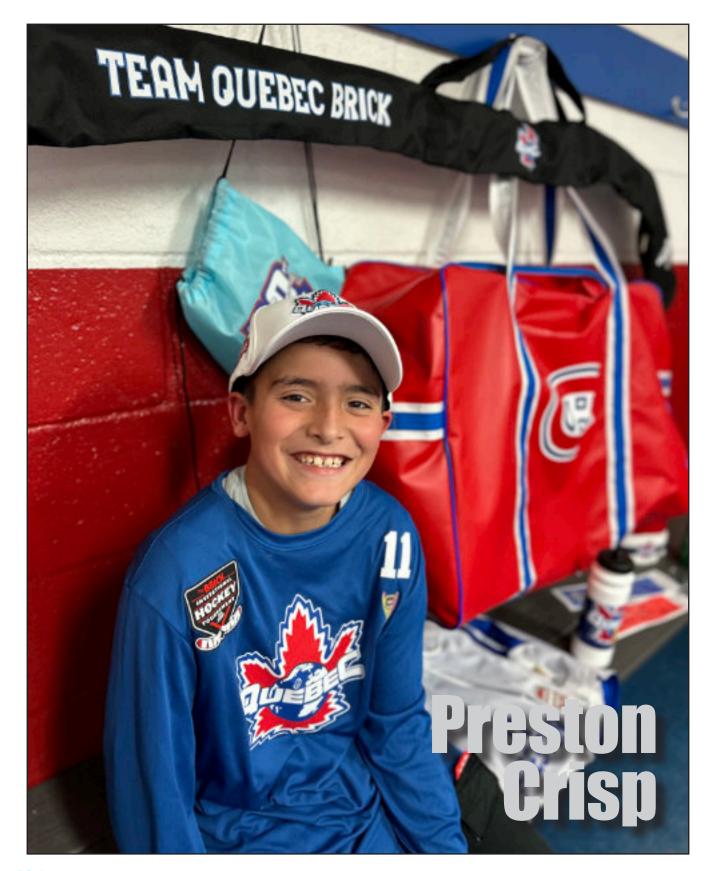
My ultimate dream is to play in the NHL, learning from the best and competing alongside the greatest players in the world. Meeting legends like Gretzky and Huberdeau would be a dream come true. Additionally, I aspire to collaborate with my favorite hockey brands and have the opportunity to travel and play the sport I love all

affordable hockey equipment. And of course, I dream of witnessing my beloved Florida Panthers win the Stanley Cup. Ultimately, I aspire to bring the Stanley Cup home myself one day.

Hockey is more than just a game to me; it is a lifelong passion that fuels my drive and determination. I am committed to giving my all, both on and off the ice, to achieve my dreams and make a positive impact in the world of hockey.













"My name is Sophia, and I've always wanted to be a talented basketball player. Attempting to play basketball exceptionally well is one of my challenges. Being a legend is what I want to do in this sport. Basketball is a mental game as much as



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Je m'appelle Sophia, et j'ai toujours souhaité devenir une joueuse de basket-ball talentueuse. Atteindre un haut niveau est l'un de mes objectifs. Je souhaite devenir une légende dans ce sport. j'essaie de renforcer mon mental en pratiquant le Pour moi, le basketball est un jeu mental autant yoga à la maison.





I am a hockey goalie from Beijing, China, and I have been training since I was 5 years old. I came to Canada and I will continue to fulfill my dream of



## playing hockey. I love life and I love hockey. Ideals and dreams are always a little closer to 🔐

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