

# The Heart and Soul

# SPORTS



For over 50 years, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has believed that sports are much more than a game or pastime. Sports impact our culture and our world. More and more, the playing field is where young people discover what it means to be a man or woman. An astounding 38 million kids between the ages of 8 and 18 play competitive sports. That's why, as the largest Christian sports ministry in the world, we remain passionately committed to our vision "to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches."



With the enormous pressures our youth and coaches face today, we believe that FCA is needed now more than ever. *Give 110%. Win at all costs. Do what it takes.* These are all expressions that can encourage going beyond the bounds of good sportsmanship. What about playing with heart – teamwork, hard work and integrity? But to develop athletes and coaches who play with heart, you've got to first feed their soul.

To reach and teach a nation what it means to play with heart and soul is a goal that we can achieve together. In 2007, thanks to you, our teammates, a record 2,002,664 people were impacted by FCA. That is 700,000 more than the previous year—an over 50% increase! We also saw 44,015 decisions for Christ, a growth of almost 10,000 people. Our efforts focused on our "4 C's" of Ministry: Coaches, Campus, Camp and Community. With your greatly valued support, we are indeed putting the heart and soul in sports.



## COACHES Ministry

Coaches are often the most important adult role model in the lives of young people. Usually overworked and under-appreciated, their influence impacts thousands of athletes, students, parents and fans long after the final whistle. Through outreach events, training, resources, conferences, bible studies, prayer support, retreats, and staff visits, FCA encourages coaches to cultivate a biblical heart for coaching, for their players and for God.

*"I love FCA. I love what it stands for, what it does and what it will continue to do. It is a great organization that God is using to have a big impact."*  
-- FCA Huddle Coach

## CAMPUS Ministry

In 2007, FCA reached 340,150 student-athletes on 6,803 junior high, high school and college campuses in FCA groups called "Huddles". Student-athletes lead the Huddles, supported by coach and parent volunteers and FCA-designed resources. Participants gather to pray, encourage and learn practical ways to apply their faith. Our goal is to help them grow into mature men and women fully equipped to live and compete for Christ. In addition, FCA's One Way 2 Play Drug Free program encouraged over 46,000 students last year to play drug and alcohol free, while another 54,000 students participated in the national Fields of Faith event with thousands of commitments for Christ.

## CAMP Ministry

For over 50 years, FCA has been committed to providing "inspiration and perspiration" for athletes and coaches to reach their potential by offering comprehensive athletic, spiritual and leadership training. FCA now offers seven different types of camps: Sports Camps, Power Camps, Leadership Camps, Partnership Camps, International Camps, Team Camps and Coaches Camps with attendance more than tripling (since 2002) to 42,000 participants at 240 camps across 36 states.

*"My FCA Camp experience was the turning point of my life. When you help send a young person to FCA Camp, you most likely are changing a life."*  
-- Jim Tressel, Head Coach  
Ohio State University

## COMMUNITY Ministry

Incredibly important are the thousands of community volunteers who help FCA carry out its vision. These include local Leadership Boards, Adult Booster Clubs and Adult Huddles. With innovative local community outreach events, we are constantly exploring new ways to tap into the popularity of sports and to share the power of God's love. Non-school based FCA ministries reach the community through partnerships with local churches, businesses, parents and volunteers, not only to reach out into the community, but also to allow the community to invest in athletes and coaches.



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