

Minnesota Select partners with Underprivileged Children in Brazil

Ever wonder what to do with those old, used volleyball jerseys?
Ever wonder what to do with those old, used volleyball/tennis shoes?
We have got a GREAT use for them!

Underprivileged children in Brazil play volleyball on rough, cement courts wearing no shoes. Jerseys are like gold to ALL the children and young adults in Brazil.

Would you be willing to donate used volleyball jerseys, used volleyball warm up shirts, and used tennis shoes? Would you be willing to ask friends, neighbors, cousins, nieces, nephews, children you baby-sit for, if they would be willing to donate **children's** tennis shoes for this cause?

A drop box will be located at Ralia outside the office area for your donations.

History:

Augsburg College in Minneapolis (where several Minnesota Select alumni play) played volleyball in Brazil last spring. As part of their trip they participated in a social service project in one of the poor areas of Rio de Janeiro. The Augsburg volleyball players had the opportunity to play volleyball with children that have NO future. They were living in complete poverty, gang controlled streets, shacks smaller than the size of the bathrooms at Ralia, and yet these children were so happy. The players did a nice job of commingling and engaging the kids in song, hugs and volleyball.

While watching this interaction, we noticed most of these underprivileged children were playing volleyball on cement slabs with no shoes on. It broke our hearts. Talking with the tour guide Cesar, he said, "Americans throw away used shoes that these children would consider new." Cesar had given Americans a mission! Minnesota Select proudly responds to the call.

Minnesota Select will collect used volleyball jerseys, used warm up shirts, and tennis shoes. Thank you for caring and donating items that would mean more to children in Brazil than you or I could ever imagine!