

## Warm Greetings!

Spike2Care (S2C) is a local grassroots nonprofit that was established in October of 2014. Our mission, as a charitable organization governed by players is to support individuals in the local volleyball community through fundraising and volunteer efforts that grow our sport.

Our S2C story began nearly three years ago with one of our volleyball community friends was diagnosed with brain cancer. His close friends put on a fundraiser volleyball tournament with all the proceeds going to defray some of his medical bills and travel expenses. We had hoped to raise around \$5,000.00 for our "little" one-day tournament, but instead, our community of players and friends came together to raise over \$19,500.00. At the end of our successful day, a simple idea was born: "Our community needs something like this to help those in need." Two days later, 14 players with long standing roots in Spokane and from various walks of life were recruited and Spike2Care was born.

Spike2Care raises funds by offering top notch volleyball tournaments and leagues, selling our limited edition gear and relying on donations from generous benefactors. We have given over \$75,000 directly back to members of our community in need. Whether the need is a major medical expense, a volleyball equipment improvement or just plain awful luck, we have been there to offer a helping hand of support and optimism.

One of our recipients states, "The Spike2Care organization has demonstrated a kindness beyond measure to our family, to perfect strangers in fact. Spike2Care has literally created a change in our life that will generate meaningful opportunities for our daughter and the invaluable gift of living together without the risk of uprooting our family. Our daughter has expressed a deep gratitude for this assistance, as the burden most heavily weighted in her mind, of where her national residence would be within months. Honestly, we were seeking a scholarship for playing volleyball, but what Spike2Care has generously granted is integral to the breadth and depth of our family's stability and future here."

Spike2Care will hold our second fundraising gala and auction on November 4, 2017. This event will help raise money to further maintain our focus to serve those in need, but also to support growth of the sport itself in the Inland Northwest area. Last year's auction raised just over \$30,000 dollars which not only contributed to the health of the overall organization, but we have been able to assist more people in more impactful ways.

The success of our gala auction will be attributed to the number of fabulous items that are donated to the silent and live auctions. We are requesting that you join us in making our gala a huge success once again by contributing items or services. If you are interested in donating, we ask that your donations be sent to: Spike2Care located at 4238 E 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spokane WA 99202 or picked up at your business by October 15, 2017. Please complete the enclosed "Auction Donation Submission Form" to gather accurate information about your generous contribution. S2C is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) and all contributions are tax deductible.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing our request. Please contact me if you have any questions. To find additional information about S2C, go to <a href="https://www.spike2care.org">www.spike2care.org</a>.

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