



Connecticut Sun Community Relations Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

AUCTION & RAFFLE REQUESTS

- **How can I obtain an autographed item for my organization's auction or raffle?**
Please send a written request on your organization's letterhead describing how the item will be used and how the proceeds generated will be allocated. Only 501(c) (3) organizations are eligible for donations of autographed merchandise. All requests should be mailed to the following:

Connecticut Sun
Attn: Donation Request
1 Mohegan Sun Blvd.
Uncasville, CT 06382

- **How far in advance should I send a letter of request?**
Because of the volume of requests we receive, we require at least 60 days notice in order to process your request.
- **Can I receive more than one item for my event?**
In order to fulfill as many requests as possible, we will only provide one item per organization per calendar year.
- **I live outside of New England. Will you still make a donation to my organization?**
Unfortunately, due to the volume of requests we receive, we will only make donations to organizations in the New England area.

COACH & PLAYER APPEARANCES

- **How can I request a player appearance at my event/school?**
In order to request a player appearance, please review our [Community Appearance Request Policy](#) and complete our [Community Appearance Request Form](#).
- **When will I know if a Connecticut Sun representative will be coming to my event?**
It is our practice to respond within 7 - 10 business days of receiving your request.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- **What community programs do you offer?**
The Connecticut Sun offers several programs in the areas of education, fitness and basketball outreach. You can view our [Community Programs](#) page to learn more about [Read to Achieve](#), [WNBA Fit](#), [Baseline Reporter](#) and [Breast Health Awareness](#) other initiatives.

- **Does the Connecticut Sun work with organizations during the holidays?**
Each November, the Sun staff and coaches join residents of the **Thames River Family Program** for Thanksgiving dinner. The meal, provided by Mohegan Sun, consists of lasagna, mashed potatoes, candied yams, stuffing, corn on the cob, green beans, assorted rolls, pies and cookies and, of course, turkey.

To help celebrate the holiday season, the Connecticut Sun sponsors an annual **Kids' Christmas** holiday party at the Norwich Free Academy. Sun Head Coach Mike Thibault, General Manager Chris Sienko, "Blaze" the mascot and members of the Solar Power Dance team distribute gifts provided by the Connecticut Sun and Kids' Christmas, as well as toys donated by the general public to more than 450 children.

- **Does the Sun do any work with high schools?**
For the past three years, the Sun has hosted the **Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Girls' High School Basketball Luncheon**, honoring the players and coaches of the eight teams that play for state championship. During the luncheon, Sun players speak about their experience winning a high school champion and what it takes to make it to the next level.

The Connecticut Sun then recognizes the four high school girls' basketball championship teams on court during a half-time ceremony. Sun General Manager Chris Sienko presents each team with a plaque commemorating their special season, and unveils a framed jersey for each team that's displayed on the arena concourse throughout the season. In the fall, Head Coach Mike Thibault visits each school and returns the framed jerseys.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- **Does the Connecticut Sun have any community partners?**
Yes, the Connecticut Sun has developed a program called Community All-Stars which partners with local organizations who share our dedication to the community. Our 2008 **Community All-Stars** include:
 - American Heart Association*
 - Connecticut Public Schools
 - Girls, Inc.*
 - My TV 9*
 - **March of Dimes**
 - Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame*
 - Pitney Bowes
 - Reading is Fundamental
 - **Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut**

* *To be confirmed*

- **How can my organization become a community partner of the Connecticut Sun?**
The Connecticut Sun evaluates its community partners each year. If you are interested in a potential partnership, please submit a formal proposal to the following address:

Connecticut Sun Community Partnerships
1 Mohegan Sun Blvd.
Uncasville, CT 06382

CONNECTICUT SUN FOUNDATION

- **How can I find out more about your foundation?**

You can find out more about the [Connecticut Sun Foundation](http://www.connecticutsun.com) by logging on to www.connecticutsun.com.

- **What does your foundation support?**

The Connecticut Sun Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of Connecticut's youth by supporting athletic and educational endeavors. Our interests include providing educational scholarships to high school seniors and grants to be used for the refurbishment of basketball courts and equipment.

- **How can I contribute to the Connecticut Sun Foundation?**

Your contribution to the Connecticut Sun Foundation ensures educational scholarships for high school seniors and grants for the refurbishment of basketball courts and equipment. All gifts qualify for tax credit or deduction to the fullest extent provided by the law. Donations can be mailed to the following address:

Connecticut Sun Foundation
1 Mohegan Sun Blvd.
Uncasville, CT 06382

- **Does the Foundation have any fundraisers?**

In 2008, the Connecticut Sun Foundation will host two fundraisers. First up is the Inaugural **Tip-Off Breakfast** on Wednesday, May 14 at the Mohegan Sun Convention Center. Fans will join WNBA President Donna Orender, General Manager Chris Sienko and the entire Connecticut Sun roster from 7:30 - 9 a.m.

The second fundraiser scheduled is the Connecticut Sun Foundation **Golf Tournament** on Wednesday, August 20 at the Mohegan Sun Country Club at Pautipaug. Players, coaches and front office staff will join golfers for 18 holes, dinner, award presentations and a live auction.

Log on to www.connecticutsun.com to register for these events.

OTHER FAQs

- **How can I receive donated tickets for my group?**

Through generous donations from community sponsors like Bank of America and Pitney Bowes, we have a limited number of tickets available for donation to non-profit organizations. Please review our **Community Tickets** program for more details and an application.

- **If I send a letter to my favorite Sun player, will she respond?**

Each player receives their own fan and personal mail; the organization does not open mail delivered to the individual players. It is the sole responsibility of the player to address her mail in the best fashion applicable.

- **If I send in a basketball or jersey, can you have a player or the team sign it?**

No, we are unable to have such items signed, as we will not be responsible for lost items.

- **How can I nominate someone for your Community MVPs program?**
This season the Connecticut Sun will recognize those individuals who have made an overwhelming impact on the lives of others through our **Community MVP Award**. We will honor individuals that are making exceptional and lasting contributions to our community through their unique commitment and humanitarian spirit.

Anyone can nominate a firefighter, police officer, rescue worker, teacher, community leader or any other individual or organization making a difference. Tell us, in 150 words or less, why your nominee is deserving of the Connecticut Sun Community MVP Award, including examples of the nominee's level of commitment and contributions made to their community. One recipient will be selected for each 2008 home game.

Nominations can be submitted several ways:

- Online at www.connecticutsun.com.
- Mailed to the following address:
Connecticut Sun, Attn: Community MVP Award
1 Mohegan Sun Blvd.
Uncasville, CT 06382.
- Faxed to 860/862-4010.