

# THE PETER WESTBROOK FOUNDATION



Making a Difference in the Lives of  
Children through Fencing



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*The Peter Westbrook Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that utilizes the sport of fencing as a vehicle to develop life skills in young people from underserved communities.*



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# EXECUTIVE LETTER



*“YOUR SUPPORT OVER THESE PAST TWO-AND-A-HALF DECADES HAS BEEN INVALUABLE AND A MAJOR DRIVER OF OUR SUCCESS.”*

Dear Friends and Family,

When I was an Olympic athlete, I usually devoted the year after the Olympic games (the so-called “off-year”) to recharging my batteries and beginning the steady, progressive improvement and training that I knew would allow me to peak three years later, just in time for the next Olympic Games.

Ah the good old days ... The truth is, now that I've transitioned to running this amazing organization, there is no such thing as an off-year. As an organization striving to make a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of children, everyday we have to have the same level of focus and intensity as an athlete training for an Olympic qualifier. To inspire young people to be and do their best we have to be and do our best as well. Truth be told, this would be a near-impossible task (especially for over 25 years) without the support of my amazing team and the support of our parents and you, our generous donors.

One great thing about our longevity as an organization is that our community has grown exponentially over the years. Some of our most trusted and devoted team members were once the 8- and 9-year-olds learning the various fencing moves such as en-garde, advance and retreat.

Now this cadre of Olympians, college students, graduates and professionals is helping to define what the next 25 years of the Peter Westbrook Foundation will look like. With their varied experience and backgrounds, they are offering fresh perspectives, and bringing new energy to just about every aspect of the organization. I am thrilled to see next generation - all of whom were nurtured within the PWF - devoting themselves and their abundant and creativity to this mission that we hold so dear.

I am very excited about the future of this organization and look forward to sharing with you the truly outstanding new initiatives, improvements and ideas we are exploring and will be executing to have an even greater impact.

Your support over these past two-and-a-half decades has been invaluable and a major driver of our success. The dividends are not measured in dollars and cents but lives saved and futures brightened.

Thank you so much for everything you do.



**Peter Westbrook**  
Founder & CEO

# PROGRAM GOALS



**The primary objectives of the year-round program are to help young people to:**

- Equip themselves with the life skills that enable them to take control of their futures
- Strive for academic excellence
- Develop leadership skills
- Build self-confidence
- Gain exposure to people from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Learn about healthy living
- Develop their sense of civic duty and community service
- Foster a sense of community inspired by a common love of fencing



# PWF PROGRAMS

Girls and boys ages 8 to 18 are eligible for the program. Currently, most participants are residents of underserved communities and from single-parent households within the five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, Westchester County and New Jersey. Approximately 85% of our participants are African-American and Latino youth, with the remaining 15% of Asian and Caucasian descent.



## Saturday Fencing Program

The Saturday Fencing Program is the cornerstone of all the PWF programs. It includes basic and advanced fencing instruction as well as academic programs. Enrollment is open to anyone ages 9 to 18 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Classes are held weekly from 9 a.m. to noon. The PWF provides all necessary equipment, and prior skills are not required or expected. Saturday Fencing provides a thorough grounding in the fundamentals of the sport for beginners, and an opportunity for developing fencers to hone their skills before entering the world of competitive fencing. We place students in age- and skills-appropriate groups where, in addition to building an understanding of proper fencing technique, footwork and swordplay, they are expected to provide peer-to-peer feedback and support. The teaching staff includes current and future PWF Olympians, national champions and national team members. Each session begins with a rigorous group warm-up that includes aerobic and fencing-specific exercises, followed by group and individual training with the students' weapons of choice.

The PWF believes in taking a holistic approach to youth development. In addition to offering a first-class athletic experience, our staff serve as mentors for our students, and offer guidance on areas varying from health to academic and career development. We regularly invite prominent guest speakers to share their knowledge and strategies for success. In the past, we've had professionals from all walks of life participate, including music moguls, elected officials, Hollywood actors and tech entrepreneurs.

The Saturday fencing program's emphasis on excellence creates positive effects that also influence academic performance. While the Academic Enrichment Program (AEP) provides a more hands-on approach to academic guidance, our staff works hard to make sure that no students fall through the cracks. We monitor the grades of every student in the program to identify those students who need assistance and make sure they get the help they need. This also allows us to identify students whose

academic standing make them potential candidates for scholarship and internship programs available to PWF members.

## Competitive Athlete Program

Each season we select a cadre of new and returning students from our Saturday program who show remarkable talent and motivation to participate in the Competitive Athlete Program. These students train year-round and adopt a training regimen that will set them on a course to compete inter-collegiately, nationally and internationally. These student athletes train anywhere from three to six days per week, depending upon age group, and their competition and academic schedules.

Participants in the program are awarded scholarships to defray the costs of fencing club memberships, coaching, competition fees and equipment.

The athletes are required to attend monthly meetings with the training staff and a summer training camp, maintain at least a 3.0 grade-point average and volunteer their time to mentor younger fencers in the Saturday Fencing Program.

Athletes are trained by the Peter Westbrook Foundation's international roster of coaches –Olympians and instructors with extensive competitive and athlete development experience. Each coach acts as a mentor by monitoring each student's academic performance to ensure that athletes are balancing their responsibilities to study as hard in school as they train in the fencing gym. Coaches also chaperone athletes during trips to domestic and international competitions, often acting as motivators, cheerleaders, friends and counselors to their students.

Our Competitive Athlete Program has become internationally recognized for producing some of the world's best fencers. In the span of one generation, the PWF's Competitive Athlete Program has morphed from a concept to a program known for producing several NCAA champions, national champions, world champions, Olympians and Olympic medalists.

More important than the athletic achievements of its members is the fact that the Competitive Athlete Program is where the future leaders of our organization are formed. As the program has grown, we have been able to cultivate a group of highly motivated, talented, dedicated individuals who are eager to give back to the organization that has given them so much. One hundred percent of our volunteer staff comes out of the Competitive Athlete Program.



## Academic Enrichment Program

The Academic Enrichment Program (AEP) addresses the educational needs of our students by providing a variety of programs and services, including standardized test preparation workshops, literacy skill building, educational counseling and one-on-one tutoring. AEP runs annually from October through May for students during the academic school year.

Some of the many benefits of the program include:

- Individualized attention for up to four hours per session from an experienced educator.
- A supportive learning environment where students are encouraged to accept an active role in their learning process.
- Instruction tailored to each student's learning style and needs.
- Positive reinforcement to improve students' self-esteem and confidence.
- Access to technology to support the student's learning experience.
- Test prep classes with a proven track record of helping students improve their standardized test scores.

The success of AEP is demonstrated through participation and evaluation data of student progress. For the 2016-2017 academic year, the PWF exceeded its enrollment goal of 65 students by enrolling 90 students, from Grades 3 to 12.

- A total of 90 students enrolled in the Academic Enrichment Program (AEP), with average attendance per session rounding out to 35 students attending weekly.
- AEP saw the following testing and grade improvement results:
  - 100% of students experienced pre- to post-gains on the AEP assessment; 75% saw an increase of 10 points or more and 45% saw an increase of 15% or more.
  - 70% of students saw their GPA remain the same or improve. 90% of students saw their GPA improve or remain the same within 1-2 points
  - 80% of students (13 out of 16) entering the program with a GPA of B- or lower remained the same or increased by the end of the academic year.
  - The PSAT class increased scores an average of 33 points. The highest increase was 50 points.
  - The SAT class increased scores an average of 63 points. The highest increase was 130 points.
  - 100% of PWF's high school seniors graduated on time and were accepted into college.

Among the best indicators of the AEP's success are graduation and college admissions rates. Of the most recent class of seniors, 100% were accepted to college for fall 2017 admittance. The schools included: Pace University, SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Plattsburgh, SUNY Binghamton, Williams College, Davidson, Syracuse, Hamilton, Hunter, York, St. John's University, Cleveland State University, Wayne State University, Northeastern

(Honors), NYU, Emory, Carnegie Mellon, Hofstra, and Boston University. They will be attending St. John's University, Wayne State University, Baruch, and Emory.

The AEP program is exceeding its enrollment and attendance goals.

*"Thank you for offering this program, it's made all the difference in attaining academic achievement for my children. I could never have afforded this by myself." - Parent of PWF AEP student*

Some of the institutions where the PWF has helped students secure scholarships for athletes are:

### Colleges and Universities

Barnard College  
City University of New York  
Columbia University  
Duke University  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Johns Hopkins University  
Lawrence University  
MIT  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
NYU  
Northwestern University  
Ohio State University  
Penn State University  
Princeton University  
Rutgers University  
Sacred Heart College  
St. John's University  
State University of New York  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Temple University  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
Wayne State University  
Yale University

### PWF Scholarships

#### *Academic Scholarship Award*

Given each year to two college-bound students in excellent academic standing.

#### *Positive Youth Award*

Given each year to a youth who epitomizes great citizenship in the PWF program and in our communities.





# ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

## Adam Rodney prepares for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

Last year, Peter Westbrook Foundation veteran Adam Rodney completed a career-best season when he qualified for his first National Fencing Team, earning him the opportunity to represent the United States at the 2017 Pan-American Fencing Championships and World Fencing Championships. Adam's path to qualification started with back-to-back finals appearances at the Division I North American Cups in October 2016 and December 2016, earning him an overall number one United States Fencing rank. Adam followed these results up with career-best finishes in world cup events across the world, posting victories over some of the world's best fencers, including 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist Matteo Tagliariol. He would cap off the season anchoring the PWF team to a national championship title last spring.

Qualifying for his first national team cements Adam Rodney's status as one of the best American epee fencers of his generation, but his progression through the ranks did not follow the same traditional path as most of his counterparts. The Louisiana native began fencing in his hometown of New Orleans, where the fencing community was small, with few athletes progressing past the regional competition level. Adam aspired for more, though, and sought out other fencing opportunities around the country. When attending a training camp in New York, he met future teammates Dwight Smith, Ben Bratton and Donovan Holtz.

"When I met Ben, Dwight and Donovan, I got the opportunity to see how high-level athletes my age were training and competing," Adam said, reflecting on his first run-in with the PWF alumni at a training camp. "They talked to me a lot about the Peter Westbrook Foundation, the ideals of the organization and the opportunities they provide. I knew I wanted to be a part of the organization."

Adam was accepted to St. John's University – the renowned fencing powerhouse – and throughout his tenure became a fixture on their fencing team and a member of the PWF's epee squad. He helped the PWF staff mentor and groom the next generation of young athletes while also learning from some of the nation's best fencers, and credits this experience with his rapid development in the sport. He represented his university at the NCAA Fencing

Championships in 2006, earning All-American honors. After graduation, he decided to pursue fencing on the world stage.

Adam was a competitive member of the United States Fencing team's travel squad, which traveled to World Cup events around the world. In 2011, however, he fell just short of qualifying for the US National Team, which would have put him in contention for a position on the 2012 Olympic Team. The disappointment left Adam at an impasse where he decided to temporarily place competition on hold to follow his professional pursuits. Using many of the skillsets that he developed as a professional fencer, Adam was able to develop a blossoming career as a music executive for some of the world's leading acts. Fencing never remained too far from his mind, though, as he continued to train and rebuild after what for most athletes would have been the end.

All his hard work came to fruition last fall when Adam took the fencing world by storm after his second-place finish at the first Division-I North American Cup. And then, as if to immediately silence any doubters, Adam repeated the result a month later, which all but solidified his position on the National team.

"Adam has been a part of the PWF family forever, so we all knew he was capable of achieving these amazing results," said Peter Westbrook, founder and CEO of the Peter Westbrook Foundation. "Most fencers do not achieve the type of success that Adam has had so late in their careers. It takes a special type of resolve and focus to accomplish what he has and we are very proud of his example."

Now, using the misstep from 2011 as a tool to guide him, Adam has his eyes set on the 2020 Olympic team in Tokyo, Japan. He feels that his story will have an even bigger impact on the young people who he mentors every Saturday with the PWF.

"Confidence and entitlement is a powerful weapon, a weapon I want future kids like me to use," said Adam. "Know that if you're willing to put the work in, you can stand among the greats and the gifted and excel."

*Adam Rodney is always willing to offer a hand to the PWF.*



# COMMUNITY CORNER





## PWF Continues to Make USA Fencing History

The Peter Westbrook Foundation (PWF) sent five athletes to compete at the 2017 World Fencing Championship in Leipzig, Germany. The competition is the premier event of the championship fencing season, which begins in June with the Pan-American Championships and finishes in late July with the World Fencing Championships. The Peter Westbrook Foundation represented one-quarter of Team USA Fencing members and was one of the largest contingents in the world. Olympic Silver Medalist Daryl Homer, two-time Olympian Nzingha Prescod, National Champion Adam Rodney, and World Team Champions Ibtihaj Muhammad and Benjamin Bratton were all selected as the top fencers in their respective disciplines to represent the PWF and United States of America in the event.

Highlighting the event, Nzingha Prescod won the Silver Medal in Women's Team Foil. Prescod entered the 2016-17 season slowly as she recovered from hip surgery from an injury suffered while competing in the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Although not selected to compete in the individual event this year, Prescod delivered in spades when she was called on as a late alternate to compete in the team event. Tapping into more than 15 years of experience, Prescod was able to lead the foil team in wins against Argentina, China and Russia before losing to Italy in the final. The silver medal win was the first in the history of the United States for a Women's Foil squad and second world championship medal for Prescod, who made history in 2015 with an individual bronze medal.

## Athletic Milestones

### Olympians & Olympic Medalists

Daryl Homer - Men's Saber, 2016 Silver Men's Saber Individual  
 Kamara James - Women's Epee, 2004  
 Ivan Lee - Men's Saber, 2004  
 Ibtihaj Muhammad - Women's Saber, 2016 Bronze Women's Saber Team  
 Nzingha Prescod - Women's Foil, 2012; 2016  
 Erinn Smart - Women's Foil, 2000, 2004; 2008 Silver Women's Foil Team  
 Keeth Smart - Men's Saber, 2000; 2004; 2008 Silver Men's Saber Team  
 Akhnaten Spencer-el - Men's Saber, 2000

### Senior World Championship Medalists

Ben Bratton - Gold, Men's Epee Team, 2012; Silver, Men's Epee Team, 2010  
 Ibtihaj Muhammad - Gold, Women's Saber Team, 2014; Bronze, Women's Saber Team, 2011-2013, 2015  
 Nzingha Prescod - Bronze, Women's Foil Individual, 2015; Silver, Women's Foil Team, 2017  
 Erinn Smart - Bronze, Women's Foil Team, 2001



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT D'Meca Homer

Initially, D'Meca Homer was introduced to the sport of fencing through her brother, Daryl, who became interested in the sport when he saw the word "fencing" with an accompanying illustration in a children's dictionary. Shortly after, they saw a commercial for the 2000 Sydney, Australia, Olympics featuring Akhi Spencer-El and Peter Westbrook "bouting" for a seat in a NYC taxi, which sealed her interest.

Their insistence on becoming involved in fencing was answered when their mother found the Peter Westbrook Foundation in the New York Yellow Pages. At the age of 10, D'Meca visited her first Saturday morning fencing practice and was hooked. "I was able to meet children of similar ages from across the city and remember feeling empowered seeing people around me, that looked like me, excelling in both sport and life," she said.

This feeling was further developed when D'Meca was chosen after one year to enter the PWF's Leadership Program, where she vigorously trained six times a week and competed locally and internationally. Her fondest memories include being a part of PWF Women's Foil team, which won gold three years in a row at Summer Nationals.

"It is a highlight I'll always remember. My PWF teammates became my family and we built lifelong bonds. Prior to fencing I hadn't had the opportunity to travel much and didn't have a passport but through fencing, I competed in 25 U.S. states and 10 countries," D'Meca said.

Fencing influenced D'Meca to apply early to Barnard College of Columbia University, where she fenced all four years as a starter on Columbia's Division One fencing team – making All-Ivy League her freshman year and qualifying for NCAA Championships four years in a row. She also was co-captain for three out of her four years in attendance.

"Looking back at my life thus far, I can pinpoint what has contributed in making me who I am today – joining PWF is one of them. As someone who comes from humble beginnings, I am a firm believer in providing access and equal opportunity to young people from underserved communities," she said.

D'Meca enjoys devoting her time to PWF to continue this legacy, giving back where she's gained invaluable experiences. Currently, as Assistant Vice President of Citic's global marketing team, D'Meca intends to continue advancing in her career and plans to become more involved in advocating for financial literacy in disadvantaged communities.



## PARENT SPOTLIGHT Drew McEachin

In addition to being an audio technician who does sales and support for large audio boards that are used for television production, Drew McEachin is a dedicated Peter Westbrook Foundation parent. This is a special category of individuals who come every Saturday to support their kids as they start their weekend by making their way to Chelsea to begin their push-ups, sit-ups and other exercises. It is not easy to travel from the Bronx to practice with his oldest son, Kiran, and the up-and-coming Addae. As Drew tells it, "It takes a lot of grit to get up early every Saturday and go through a grueling workout, but they do this pretty faithfully and we don't like to be late. It's nice to see that your kids can commit to something like this. The discipline that they are learning now will stay with them forever."

The McEachin family, with mother KD, has been a member of the Peter Westbrook Foundation since 2013. As their story goes, Kiran was watching the 2012 Olympics in London and stumbled upon fencing. He wanted to try it, and Drew wanted more for his son, so the search was on. They initially tried fencing at another school, but it was extremely expensive which prohibited them from participating after the introductory class. Trying to make it happen another way, Drew and Kiran searched for an affordable way to satisfy the fencing itch, and they happened across an interview with Olympian Nzingha Prescod, who fenced at the PWF.

"Being a part of the PWF for going on five years has been a great blessing for me and my family," said Drew. "The program has allowed my wife and me to expose our children to a sport that we once thought was maybe out of our financial reach. My sons are working with fencers who are Olympians and I can see how much this inspires them to also want to reach high, in fencing and in life."

"There is a real sense of community at the PWF," he continued. "We have met many great parents and some of them we now call friends. We talk about our kids, and there are many conversations where I learn all sorts of little things and exchange ideas about schools and other beneficial opportunities for our children. I sit in the Fencer's Club every Saturday morning for three hours and just think, 'This is so awesome!'"

As so many other aspiring Americans do, Drew commits himself to his family, whether in academics or athletics. He expects his sons to earn good grades in school, and he pushes them ever so gently to excel. He further supports the boys in pursuing their dreams to become Olympians. Since there are Olympic Foundation role models, Drew sees that anything can become a reality. And that is why he is there at the Foundation every Saturday at 9 a.m.



*Daria  
Wallach  
is a  
lifelong  
angel to  
the PWF*

## **DONOR SPOTLIGHT**

### **Daria Wallach**

The success and day-to-day operations of the PWF rely on the generosity of donors who believe in our mission, commitment and love for our children. Daria Wallach is one of our elite Angel Donors whose contributions have grown the PWF's endowment and building funds. Daria Wallach understands the impact that the PWF has on each child who walks through our doors, whether a child's passion is sports, academics or personal development.

With more than 30 years of financial services experience, Daria is a trailblazer in the financial services industry and has set herself apart as a distinguished leader. Early in her career she served as Vice President of the Chemical Investment Group and Vice President of Irving Trust Co. She holds the distinction of being the first female partner at Lord Abbett & Co. LLC, one of the nation's oldest investment management firms, where she is Managing Partner as well as President and Chief Executive Officer of the firm.

In 2012, the PWF honored Daria during its 20th Anniversary Gala with its lifetime achievement award, recognizing her generosity and unwavering commitment to our organization. During the gala, she spoke movingly of the importance of the PWF and the impact it has on children.

Daria truly understands the positive impact of nonprofit organizations and the value they create in our communities. In addition to her successful financial services career, she is the Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, serves as a Director on the board of the New York Philharmonic, and is the Chairwoman of ReadWorks, a nonprofit organization committed to creating a culture of academic excellence in urban elementary schools.

The PWF is fortunate and honored to have a donor of Daria Wallach's caliber, who has made her mark in the financial services industry and volunteer services.



## **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

### **Zaheer Booth**

Many PWF students discover the program because they tag along with a friend, sibling or relative who is a current student. This was the case in 2007 when Zaheer Booth accompanied a middle school classmate to a Saturday PWF session and became intrigued by the sport. At the time, Zaheer was 12 years old and was unfamiliar with fencing, but he enjoyed being challenged by the coaches, especially Peter Westbrook.

In his early days as a student, Zaheer was in the foil class. However, he found something compelling about the saber group and wanted to be challenged by PWF veterans, Keeth Smart and Ivan Lee. But switching to a new group would not come easily for Zaheer because the timing and tactics in the use of each weapon are quite different.

"Peter had given me a hard time about switching and made me fence a kid in the class. When I won, he let me be in the saber class," Zaheer recalled. And this was the beginning of Zaheer's love for the sport.

Over the past few years, Zaheer has traveled around the country competing in national events while representing the PWF. Throughout high school, he balanced his training with academics and graduated from the NYC Museum School. Currently, Zaheer attends Hunter College with a major in psychology and a minor in English. Zaheer aspires to win a few national titles and make several national and Olympic teams.

Zaheer continues to attend PWF Saturday morning practices as a volunteer, and he often can be seen motivating the next generation of students. Zaheer enjoys working with the young students and assisting them along their journey.

"When I'm working with the kids and I show them an action and explain how it works, it's the most amazing thing when I see the ones that were struggling with it finally start to get it and use the action while they're fencing," Zaheer said. His passion for the sport of fencing has inspired him to become a fencing coach after his competitive career and walk in the footsteps of PWF Coach Akhnaten Spencer-EI.





## ***Olympic Medalist Daryl Homer Inspired in Africa***

Over the past calendar year, Daryl Homer had the opportunity to go home to Africa to explore several countries. Over three distinct and unique trips to his homeland, Daryl said, he gained perspective, fuel, and creativity in his daily life.

“As a growing young man, I often stop and ask myself: What is my purpose? What can I contribute to make the world a better place? The second question ate at me as I attempted to qualify for my second Olympic Team in Rio,” he reflected. “While I hoped that the press and validation I received for my past accomplishments would inspire young people, I felt there had to be something larger I could do to help. I wanted to be in the field actually meeting people and creating change.”

His initial interest in supporting youth in Africa was sparked when he saw the schedule for the team’s World Cup season. He decided then that he would go early and experience the continent for the first time. He contacted some friends with relationships in Senegal and they put him in touch with various people on the ground: local creatives, nonprofits, and government sport officials. One of these nonprofits, Seed Project, focuses on providing educational opportunities to youth in West Africa through the sport of basketball, believing youth are “the seed” for global change.

“My experience with Seed Project was great as a high school friend runs the organization, but I found more fulfillment while working with OSIWA, a nonprofit using fencing as a restorative justice tool for imprisoned youth,” he said. OSIWA is primarily funded by George Soros and seeks to reform a flawed criminal justice program, which has similar challenges to the United States’ criminal justice system. His work with OSIWA included teaching fencing classes at an

orphanage with at-risk boys ages 11-13 and teaching fencing classes in a Senegalese prison alongside young men ages 13-17.

“The full-circle moment for me came when the nonprofit brought a number of the young men to the competition to watch me compete. Their presence provided additional motivation and I was able to scrape out a Bronze in my first competition in the homeland,” Daryl said. “Parents, families, and officials ran to me for photo opportunities, thanking me for inspiring their children and showing them that they could do anything they put their minds to. It was here I learned that despite being a kid from the Bronx, through my platform, I can inspire people all over the world.”

This past summer, Daryl had a very rough time at the World Championships. After an Individual World Championship medal in 2015 and an Olympic Medal in 2016, he collapsed at the 2017 World Championships. He was especially devastated by the team’s 45-44 loss in the medal round to Korea, which would have guaranteed them a medal. Prior to the World Championships, he had made plans to go to Zambia with his girlfriend to visit the two schools she runs through her 14+ Foundation. But given his mental state after the competition, he began to regret the decision and questioned whether his selflessness had been the cause of the result.

“Once I got to Zambia, met the children, built a relationship with them, experienced their lives, and shared a bit of fencing with them, all those feelings left me,” he said. “Peter has often told me that giving is a selfless act because of how much you receive from other people. This trip really gave credence to his words. Not only did I leave Zambia in love, but I left with newfound perspective, fuel, and motivation. I told children in both Zambia and Senegal that I will be back with a medal for them in 2020. I intend to keep my promise.”



**PWF to be featured in the documentary series,  
“Religion of Sports” produced by  
Tom Brady, Michael Strahan and Gotham Chopra**

Last summer, award-winning documentary filmmaker Gotham Chopra and his team approached the Peter Westbrook Foundation with an exciting proposal -- to capture our story and broadcast it to the world on the “Religion of Sports” platform. Chopra believed the essence of our community perfectly embodied the mission and purpose of the TV documentary series. “Religion of Sports” follows the premise that sports are a version of religion and celebrates sports’ transcendent power. And it is true. On many levels, the PWF’s unwavering commitment to empowering its community through the discipline of fencing remarkably parallels religion’s role in providing life purpose and instilling devotional, ritualistic and moral codes.

The documentary series will be featured on cable television and Netflix’s international hub. The well-regarded show is produced by New England Patriots quarterback, Tom Brady; former New York Giant and current “Good Morning America” co-host, Michael Strahan; and Gotham Chopra, filmmaker and son of Deepak Chopra, the New Age alternative medicine guru. The PWF full-length episode will feature our Saturday morning program and some of the program’s most prominent members when it airs in January 2018.

“It is an honor to be included in the Religion of Sports documentary series,” said founder Peter Westbrook. “The PWF was founded with the premise that fencing has a transformative effect on the lives of the young people we serve. This docu-series is a perfect fit for highlighting that aspect of our program.”





# ENDOWMENT FUND

In 2000, the PWF received the Oprah's Angel Network "Use Your Life Award," which included a grant of \$100,000. In 2001, \$60,000 of the award was used to start the Peter Westbrook Foundation Endowment Fund, with the remainder of the award spent on general programs. In 2004, the Foundation received \$1,000,000 from a generous philanthropist who wished to remain anonymous. In 2007, Board Member Bill Schreyer established a \$1.5 million matching grant endowment.

The financial goal for the Endowment is to raise \$15 million by 2019 to provide support for a number of program initiatives, including:

- **The Peter Westbrook Foundation Center** – An athletic training and academic learning center
- **Computer Lab** – An after-school program to improve student computer literacy skills
- **Standardized Test Preparation Courses** – A series of courses for the PSAT, SAT, Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT) and the Secondary Schools Admissions Test (SSAT)
- **Career Guidance** – A mentorship program to prepare students for college and career.

At this level of endowment funding, the Foundation would be able to significantly enhance its existing programs and operations, while insulating itself and the programs from the impact of future sharp decreases in philanthropic giving due to economic downturns.

The Foundation's Chief Executive Officer handles the Endowment Fund through the Merrill Lynch Investment Corporation. Donations are tax-deductible and can be pledged over a period of time.

## Planned Giving

Today, more and more people are coordinating their financial, estate and gift planning. With thoughtful planning, you have the opportunity to make a greater impact with your giving to a quality not-for-profit organization such as the Peter Westbrook Foundation, and often enjoy increased financial and tax benefits as well. For example, through planned giving you may be able to supplement your retirement planning, avoid capital gains taxes, increase your spendable income and reduce or eliminate estate taxes.

In these and other ways, planned giving can become an important element in your overall individual asset planning for yourself and your family.

One of the key reasons that people give is to support their community. While many people give substantially, most wish they could do more.

There are a number of ways you can design your contributions to maximize the advantages both to you and the Peter Westbrook Foundation.

A simple, and often the easiest gift to make is a bequest. It doesn't require relinquishing anything during your lifetime, and it can be stated in a will, a codicil, a living trust or a trust amendment. The Foundation's office can provide you with the appropriate language for a bequest to our organization.

You can contribute a new or existing life insurance policy that is no longer needed. Donors naming the Peter Westbrook Foundation as both policy owner and beneficiary can claim an income tax deduction equal to either a) the cash value or the cost basis of an existing policy, whichever is less, or b) the annual premiums of a new policy.

Although many investors continue to expect volatility in the equity markets, individuals can look to their portfolios for purchases held seven years or longer. Many donors hold securities that have realized significant gains and are assets well-suited to fund a charitable trust. In return, donors can receive tax-saving benefits and supplemental retirement income while helping to secure the future of our Foundation.

## Starting Your Planned Giving Process

*Why are you making a gift?*

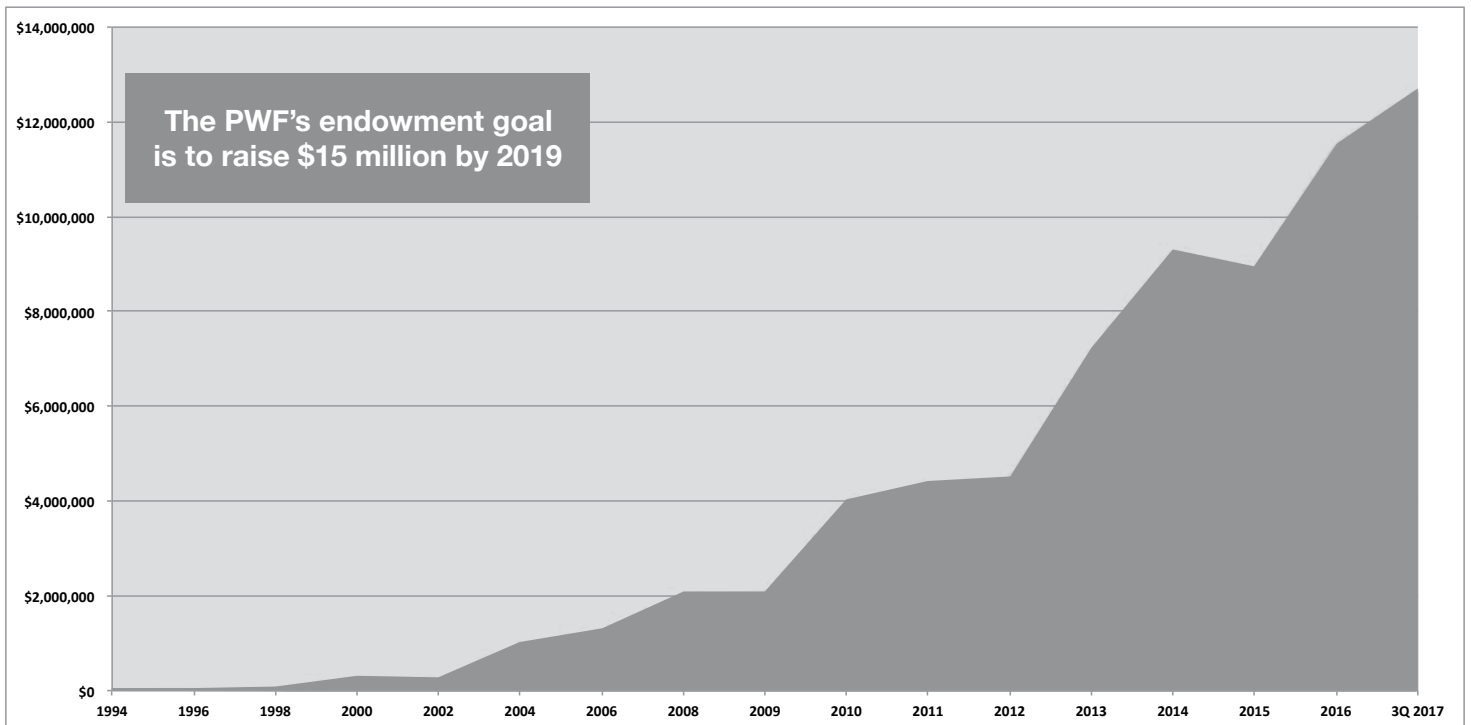
*Which gift method should you use?*

*What benefits do you anticipate by making the gift?*

These questions will help you define your planned giving goals. For more information about the Peter Westbrook Foundation Endowment Fund, please contact Mark Johnson at Merrill Lynch. He can be reached at (212) 415-7897 or by email at [mark\\_e\\_johnson@ml.com](mailto:mark_e_johnson@ml.com).



# Fundraising Accomplishments



## Statement of Activities - Fiscal Year End 2016

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUES:</b>				
Contributions and grants	\$223,780	\$679,350	\$406,530	\$1,309,660
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$13,379	\$193,861	\$846,456	\$1,053,696
Program fees and other income	\$17,210	\$0	\$0	\$17,210
Net assets released from restrictions	\$440,168	(\$37,395)	(\$286,563)	\$116,210
<b>Total Support and Revenues</b>	<b>\$694,537</b>	<b>\$835,816</b>	<b>\$966,423</b>	<b>\$2,496,776</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Program services	\$404,658	\$0	\$0	\$404,658
Fundraising expenses	\$54,648	\$0	\$0	\$54,648
Management and general	\$90,632	\$0	\$0	\$90,632
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$549,938</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$549,938</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$144,599	\$835,816	\$966,423	\$1,946,838
Net assets at beginning of year	\$359,802	\$3,062,603	\$6,835,895	\$10,258,300
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<b>\$504,401</b>	<b>\$3,898,419</b>	<b>\$7,802,318</b>	<b>\$12,205,138</b>

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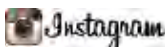






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