



2008 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Dear Friend of Rugby,

The inaugural 2008 MARF Annual Fund is underway. Our challenge is to raise \$100,000 or more during the next nine months to fund Minnesota rugby programs, equipment and supplies; field expenses, athletic trainers, a youth director, collegiate scholarships; coaching, player and referee clinics; All Star competition; grants for Minnesota players competing at the national and international levels; and of course support for the State High School Honors Banquet and High School Championship weekend.

For over 23 years, MARF has been a leading force in Minnesota Rugby. As a truly local, if not a regional foundation; our 501 (c) 3 organization is benefiting the game in ways unmatched. Since 1992, Youth Rugby in Minnesota has undergone a revolution, presently impacting close to 1,600 high school age Minnesota players. They have no ready, public source of funding, in order to help carry out their programs, on and off the field.

Now, we reach out to encourage you and other patrons, to make a difference by lending your support to a worthwhile campaign! By committing a pledge or donation of \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or more with a flexible payment plan, or a one-time gift, you'll be investing in the future of our youth who'll carry the passion for rugby onto the next generation. What's better, is the chance your contribution may be matched by your employer as well.

More than a slogan, RUGBY! Play to Achieve, is a campaign that will allow so many friends, parents, players and coaches to give back to a sport that often has given so much to them in life. It's the real game of life which is important, as it applies to girls and boys of all backgrounds, regardless of whether they play rugby in inner city to out state Minnesota!

Sponsorship opportunities are also appreciated and encouraged, and may extend promotional and tax incentives to you or your company. We welcome the chance to speak with you about these opportunities. With a recent television broadcast of the State High School Tournament, along with many other activities, there has never been a better time to give rugby a try!

In closing, we thank you in advance for helping us meet the challenges, and sharing the life-lessons through rugby in developing today's youth! *Click here to make a difference*, by completing an electronic or print-out of a pledge card, and placing your charitable contribution.

Respectfully,

Rob Clarno, Campaign Chair
The Minnesota Amateur Rugby Foundation