"Since I was little I had the ball on my feet. When I knew about Soccer Without Borders, I knew I wanted to play. It clicked right away, I said 'I got this!' I'm going to attend the University of Northern Colorado. I want to major in something that helps kids around the world. Since we grew up in a refugee camp, it’s a huge part of my story and my background. I know other kids go through that experience. My ancestors had to die running away so, I want to become a person that not only my parents are proud of but my people are proud of."  

- Ophi, SWB Colorado Graduate & Coach

BY THE NUMBERS

381 total participants
181 total core program participants

- female participation 40%
- countries represented 11
- female coaches 33.3%
- volunteers 30
- coach:participant ratio 1:7

Participants by Geographical Region

- 40.86% Central America & Mexico
- 22.58% USA (First Generation)
- 15.59% South America
- 5.38% Middle East & North Africa
- Other 15.59%

68% of participants were retained from the 2017-18 school year to the 2018-2019 school year.

Did you know? The average child in the United States today spends less than three years playing a sport, quitting by age 11. Kids from lower-income homes participate less often.

100% of Soccer Without Borders participants graduated from high school, compared to 59% for English language learners in the State of Colorado. 71% are going on to 2 or 4 year college.

Transportation is consistently the highest reported barrier to participation, particularly in Greeley, which has limited public options.

Soccer Without Borders provided 4,216 miles of transportation for league games.

Considering the estimated value of volunteer hours in Colorado state ($28.02), volunteers contributed approximately $34,212 to SWB Colorado.

YOUTH SURVEY RESULTS

- 88% reported that they think a lot about their goals and how to achieve them
- 94% think of their Soccer Without Borders Coach as a role model
- 90% reported that they feel confident using English at SWB
- 91% reported that they made friends from other cultures at SWB
- 91% reported that this program helps them to be healthy

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