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LOCAL NON-PROFIT ADDS NEW SOCCER TEAM IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FOR PLAYERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Bethesda, MD. – May 2, 2016 - Devenio, Inc., the newly formed non-profit, benefitting Down syndrome and other developmental disability groups, is thrilled to announce the expansion of the Fun Bunch soccer team for children with developmental disabilities, now in Prince George's County.

"We all know that participation in organized sports promotes self discipline, social skills, teamwork, healthy habits and sportsmanship, yet there are very limited opportunities for our kids with special needs to join an actual team. " Says Gena Mitchell, President & Founder of devenio, inc. "Fun Bunch was created with that goal in mind and now with a roster of fifty two players and growing, it is obvious that we are filling a need in the community."

The Fun Bunch soccer team for children with special needs ages 5-16 years old was created five years ago by Mitchell, and her husband, Brian. Community partnerships and support continue to be critical in the expansion of Fun Bunch since it is free for all players. New corporate sponsor, [Handwriting Without Tears](#) as well as a field donation by [Marlboro Soccer Academy/Future Soccer Club](#) have accelerated the expansion of the Prince George's County Fun Bunch team now set to begin practice on Saturday, May 14, 2016.

Ty and DeWuan Booker, Fun Bunch Prince George's County Team Managers are excited about the expansion as well. "I am elated that my son, who has Trisomy 21 and a pacemaker, will no longer sit on the sidelines, but will be a part of an inclusive, well-structured quality soccer program, in an environment that meets his specific needs. His pure excitement as he put on his uniform to join the Montgomery County Fun Bunch team for his first game, confirmed to us the need to provide this same opportunity to differently-abled youth in Prince Georges County!" comments Ty.

"When a player is leaving practice and says 'I love soccer, I am able to fit in here,' it furthers my resolve to add teams across the DC metro area, " says Mitchell. "We all want to fit in, and if this soccer team gives our players with special needs a place that promotes that, and builds their confidence and self-esteem, then what more can I ask for?"

For additional information about Fun Bunch and devenio, inc, go to: www.devenio.org.
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