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## **LOUDOUN SOCCER PARTNERS WITH INOVA LOUDOUN HOSPITAL**

Leesburg, VA — Loudoun Soccer is proud to announce a health and wellness partnership with Inova Loudoun Hospital. As part of the partnership, Inova Loudoun Hospital will help to train coaches on a variety of health related subjects including concussion awareness. Inova Loudoun Hospital has also provided team first aid kits so coaches are prepared in the event of a minor injury at practice and games. Coach training should begin this fall.

“This is an opportunity for us to work directly with one of the largest youth sports organizations in our community and help educate and equip people who can have a significant impact on the health of the 7,500 children that participate in Loudoun Soccer” said H. Patrick Walters, CEO Inova Loudoun Hospital.

Inova Loudoun Hospital’s Mobile Health Unit will be at a variety of Loudoun Soccer events throughout the year offering educational information and interactive displays while being on site as a cooling and first aid station.

“This is a natural fit for our organizations,” commented Tom Thomas, Loudoun Soccer Board President. “As Virginia’s largest youth soccer program, we want to make sure we are offering our coaches the best and most current information on medical topics, especially on concussions. Inova Loudoun Hospital has physicians that specialize in caring for children and we are looking forward to working with them.”

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### ***Loudoun Soccer***

*Serving youth soccer players and parents throughout Northern Virginia since 1978, Loudoun Soccer is Virginia’s largest soccer program with over 15,000 soccer registrations annually, nearly 2,000 coaches, over 30 soccer related programs and countless community outreach programs. Loudoun Soccer is dedicated to partnering with local government and communities to provide programs, facilities, resources and expertise to make soccer fun, safe and accessible to all players regardless of gender, social and economic background, or playing ability between the ages 3 to 18 years.*

***Inova Loudoun Hospital***, serving Loudoun County for 100 years, is part of Inova; a not-for-profit healthcare system based in Northern Virginia that consists of hospitals and other health services, including emergency- and urgent-care centers, home care, nursing homes, mental health and blood donor services, and wellness classes. Governed by a voluntary board of community members, Inova’s mission is to improve the health of the diverse community it serves through excellence in patient care, education and research. Visit us on the web at [www.inova.org/ilh](http://www.inova.org/ilh). # # #