

Youth Soccer Program Makes Dreams Come True at Disney Memorial Day Shootout

A youth soccer program in the Bahamas is **transforming the lives of impoverished youths through soccer and developing them into a most unlikely team of champions**. In just a few short years, the Youth Empowerment through Sports International (YESI) program has taken in the island's most disadvantaged kids, taught them soccer and turned them into higher achieving academic students-athletes who are not only winning soccer games but winning titles.

The team lost every game and never scored a single goal during its debut season, yet a year later the squad won the Bahamas Primary School national championship without surrendering a single goal during the three-day national tournament. Their transformation reaches another milestone this weekend when many of these kids will **board an airplane for the first time** and travel to the place **Where Dreams Come True** for the Disney Memorial Day Soccer Shootout. They are one of **nearly 600 teams** from the US, Mexico, Argentina, Jamaica, etc.