



## Melissa Harper – CEO



[Melissa Harper](#) is a founding member and CEO of [Good Sports](#), a national nonprofit that gives all kids the lifelong benefits of sport and physical activity by providing new equipment, apparel and footwear to those most in need. As CEO, Ms. Harper spearheads Good Sports' growth, organizational strategy and partnership development, and since the organization's inception in 2003, has provided more than \$16 million in equipment to 2,000 youth programs, impacting millions of kids nationwide.

Under her leadership, Good Sports has developed successful partnerships with the country's top sporting goods manufacturers including Nike, Wilson, Easton Baseball, New Balance, and Riddell, and corporate partners like Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Dunkin' Donuts and GEICO, as well as numerous professional sports franchises and athletes.

In addition to roles in nonprofit fundraising and consulting, Ms. Harper spent nearly five years in management consulting with Gemini Consulting and Treacy & Company. She regularly speaks to youth and business audiences on a variety of topics including entrepreneurship, nonprofit leadership & fundraising, working motherhood and other critical issues surrounding youth sports. A first generation college graduate, Ms. Harper obtained a B.A.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She is the recipient of the Robert W. Crawford Achievement Prize from the National Recreation Foundation.

Ms. Harper currently resides in Massachusetts and is a lifelong athlete, participating in team sports and marathons as well as backyard games with her husband and four children.