

2010 A-SMYLE-SYLP Charity Kickball Tournament

On July 17, 2010, A-SMYLE and SYLP alumni competed in a charity kickball tournament in Belgrade. Four teams competed: two made up of A-SMYLE alumni, one of SYLP alumni, and one of American Councils program staff and friends, together with American SYLP participants. Each team raised money that the winning team would donate to the charity of their choice, and together the teams collected 21,810 dinars (more than \$270).

With this tournament, A-SMYLE and SYLP alumni communities brought a classic American game to Serbia for a great cause. The team Aztec Warriors, comprised mostly of A-SMYLE alumni, won the tournament to support Dusan Dugalic School for Children with Disabilities. The A-SMYLE alumni community has previously held donation drives to collect supplies and funds for the school, and alumni are excited about continuing their cooperation with this institution.

The event was organized by American Councils, with significant support from the Association of Sports and Recreation for People with Disabilities of Belgrade (SSRIB). Even though SSRIB's team did not win the tournament, the organization's representatives were enthralled with the game and look forward to working with American Councils on a future project involving kickball and SSRIB members. The event was attended by journalists from two major television stations in Serbia—B92 and Studio B.



Members of the winning team, Aztec Warriors, smile victoriously.