13th Annual
Celebrate the Tatas Tournament of Champions
October 4–5, 2026



The North Carolina Adult Soccer Association (NCASA) proudly hosted the 13th annual Celebrate the Tatas tournament on October 4–5, 2026. Once again, it was an extraordinary weekend, marked by record participation, record fundraising, tremendous community support, and powerful reminders of why this event matters. **Check out all the tournament action HERE**

A Growing Tournament and a Growing Mission



Several records were broken this year. Team participation continued to grow, all three divisions filled, and we had to secure additional fields to accommodate the demand. Teams traveled from Pennsylvania, Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, making Celebrate the Tatas a truly regional event.

The enthusiasm was evident both on and off the field. Our members have already made their next request clear: add an Over-50 division!

The teams arrived in full force, including Kittie's Titties from Georgia, Breast Friends from Pennsylvania, FC Boobcelona from South Carolina, and our returning champions, Boobie Brigade from North Carolina. As always, the creative team names and colorful jerseys added to the personality and spirit of the tournament.



Despite concerns about inclement weather, the weekend was festive and full of energy. Teams were well matched across all three divisions, producing exciting, closely contested games. Fortunately, the rain passed to our north and south, allowing us to enjoy a wonderful weekend of soccer.

A Record-Breaking Fundraising Year

Perhaps the most remarkable accomplishment was what our soccer community achieved financially.

Corporate sponsorship was significantly down this year, reflecting the challenging economic environment of 2026. As a committee, we had to remind ourselves that the success of this event cannot be measured by corporate contributions alone. The commitment of our members, players, families, and broader soccer community proved that this mission is bigger than any one source of funding.

Through individual contributions and an extraordinary collective effort, we reached our fundraising goal of a **$70,000 Donation!**

The North Carolina Adult Soccer Association will make donations totaling $70,000, with **$35,000 going to the Levine Cancer Institute and $35,000 to the Novant Health Foundation.**









Several individual fundraising records were also broken:

Team fundraising: More than $20,000 was generated through friendly competition among teams to become the tournament's top fundraiser. The leading team raised an incredible $7,600.

Raffle fundraising: The raffle generated a record $3,350, featuring pottery, jewelry, massage certificates, local artist creations, Charlotte Hornets tickets, and, of course, the highly anticipated U.S. Soccer signed jerseys and merchandise.

One particularly exciting highlight was a player-donated hat signed by Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly, and Tisha Venturini. It quickly became the most coveted raffle item!

U.S. Soccer's continued generosity in providing signed jerseys and other merchandise makes a tremendous contribution to the excitement and success of our raffle. The welcome video from the U.S. Soccer President, Cindy Parlow-Cone also gives our players a special connection to the national organization and reinforces the importance of the event's mission. We are sincerely grateful for this continued partnership and support.

A Soccer Community That Gives Back



The generosity extended well beyond fundraising.

Our local referee assignor donated his time and expertise to organize the tournament's officiating assignments. The referees working the tournament donated their match fees, and for those who could not afford to donate their services, the local adult league stepped in to cover the balance.

To commemorate our 13th year, the Mayor of Huntersville and two town commissioners joined us for the festivities, demonstrating the strong community support that has developed around this event.



Our lunch program featured food from YAFO Kitchen, serving Middle Eastern Street food, and McAlister's Deli, providing box lunches.



The Stories That Remind Us Why We Are Here

One of the most meaningful parts of Celebrate the Tatas is our lunchtime speaker program. Each year, we bring together a diverse group of voices, including oncologists, social workers, mammography technicians, breast cancer survivors, plastic surgeons, and family members.

These speakers share their knowledge, experiences, and deeply personal stories. We remember those we have lost while honoring those who are here to tell their stories. There are moments when the room is so moved that there is not a dry eye to be found.



Two stories particularly resonated with us this year.

Noah spoke in memory of his late mother, Sandra Goldman. Sandra was a fierce advocate for early screening and devoted years of commitment to this tournament. She was a strong fighter, a valued team member, and a dear friend who is deeply missed. Her legacy continues through the work and purpose of Celebrate the Tatas.



Catherine Brarall, a breast cancer survivor, shared her experience with early detection. Her decision to pursue screening was influenced by watching a close friend battle breast cancer. Through that experience, she discovered the unfortunate reality that early screening can be significantly more expensive for younger women. She recognized how easily financial barriers could prevent someone from receiving a potentially life-saving mammogram. Had those barriers prevented her from obtaining early screening, her story might have been very different.

For the past several years, we have had the distinct pleasure of welcoming former USWNT player Kim Crabbe, who travels from her home in Wilmington, NC, to celebrate with us. Kim always brings tremendous enthusiasm and encouragement to our players, sharing her love of the game and reminding us of the powerful connections and lifelong friendships that soccer creates.



These stories bring our mission into focus. The trust Celebrate the Tatas has earned over 13 years carries with it a responsibility to reach more women and help remove financial barriers to screening.



The success of Celebrate the Tatas is ultimately measured not by the dollars raised or the number of teams participating, but by the women who will benefit from the generosity of our soccer community.

Our $70,000 contribution to Levine Cancer Institute and Novant Health Foundation will help remove financial barriers to breast cancer screening, providing access to mammograms and potentially life-saving early detection for women who might otherwise go without screening.

Behind every dollar raised is an opportunity for earlier detection, greater access to care, and potentially a very different outcome for a woman and her family.

Coming of Age: Thirteen Years of Celebrate the Tatas



What began as a simple idea—to bring women together to play soccer, grow the game among women, and make a meaningful difference—has evolved into something much bigger.

Thirteen years later, Celebrate the Tatas has become a gathering place for a regional soccer community, a powerful fundraising effort, and an opportunity to educate, advocate, remember, and support those affected by breast cancer.

Reaching $70,000 in donations, despite a challenging fundraising environment, is a testament to the commitment and generosity of this community. It also represents an important milestone in the evolution of the tournament. We have grown not only in participation and fundraising, but also in our understanding of the responsibility that comes with the platform we have built.

As Sunday afternoon arrived, champions celebrated, friendships were renewed, and our organizing committee reflected on another remarkable weekend. Once again, we were reminded of the extraordinary power of soccer to bring people together and make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

2026 Champions and Finalists

Golden Globes
1st Division

Boobie Brigade



Tiger Titties



Mammogrammys
2nd Division

Boobie Trap



Hakuna Ma Tatas



Silver Screeners
Over 35

QC Knockers



FC Boobcelona



Thank you to U.S. Soccer for being part of this journey. Your continued support helps make the tournament special for our players and strengthens our ability to advance a mission that reaches far beyond the soccer field. We are proud of what this event has become and excited about what we can accomplish together in the years ahead.

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