

Cute but mischievous, God only knows
the trouble Mariano could get into.



He watched his cousin, whose single mother was in jail, find any old way to pass the time on idle summer days.



Waves of Latino children were moving into the neighborhood, with nothing to do.

“My soccer ball has been in the closet for five months,” said a kid named Antonio. “There’s nowhere to play.”



Urban Ventures listened...conducting a study and finding that there were 341 soccer fields in the suburbs, but only one in Minneapolis -- and that was at a private school.

Partnering with General Mills, Urban Ventures turned 2.5 acres of dumpland into the \$1.7 million Olympic-quality Kix Field.



Today, hundreds of Latino kids are in the Urban Stars Athletic Club, spared from the lure of gangs by a ministry that listened.

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Developing youth leaders



by any means possible.