

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



Mission

Pitch In For Baseball[®] (PIFB) is a registered 501(c)(3) not for profit organization that provides new and gently used baseball and softball equipment to boys and girls in the United States and around the world who want to play ball but lack the equipment to do so. PIFB helps to reduce barriers to play by providing equipment grants directly to leagues, schools, and organizations around the world to start, continue, and/or expand their youth baseball programs.

Core Programs

- <u>Domestic and International Equipment Grants</u> PIFB equipment grants are designed to help leagues, teams, and community organizations around the globe get the equipment needed to play baseball or softball. Grantees complete required annual reporting detailing the impact of our donation. PIFB averages about 200 projects each year.
- <u>School Based Program</u> PIFB's school based program helps schools and districts to stretch limited budgets. We partner with districts to help continue or expand their baseball and/or softball programs. PIFB has been working with the School District of Philadelphia since 2008. The project has grown from just 6 teams to 60+. In 2014, PIFB donated \$100,000 worth of equipment to 63 baseball/softball programs in 41 different schools, helping more than 1,000 Philadelphia students get on the field. Our 2014 impact demonstrates that 60% of participants had better school attendance and 65% improved their grades. PIFB is replicating this model in Minneapolis/St. Paul school districts in Minnesota.
- <u>Disaster Relief Program</u> In times of tragedy, children are the most affected. Baseball can help to restore a sense of normalcy amidst the chaos. PIFB has helped to rebuild entire leagues and thousands of kids to start their seasons on time. PIFB has assisted with relief efforts in NY/NJ shoreline following Hurricane Sandy; Joplin, MO; the Gulf Coast region; and Japan.
- <u>Kids Helping Kids: Youth Philanthropy</u> About 90% of the equipment PIFB has available for equipment grants comes from the efforts of motivated, caring kids who run collections and fundraisers on PIFB's behalf.



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Dear friends:

Traction. It's a common word in today's business world, referring to when things really start to move ahead. That's how things feel at Pitch In For Baseball. The hard work of our staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and strategic partners is propelling us forward in a way we haven't experienced before.

We see more clearly the impact we are having. The evidence keeps piling up day by day. Here are some 2014 highlights:

- Program Totals:
 - \Rightarrow 204 projects completed
 - \Rightarrow 32.000+ kids served
 - \Rightarrow 27 states
 - \Rightarrow 62 countries
- Helped more than 1,200 Philadelphia students in 40+ schools get on the field.
 - \Rightarrow 65% of kids improved their grades
 - \Rightarrow 59% improved their attendance
- Our ongoing donations to the Coahoma County Youth Baseball in Clarksdale, MS have helped them to grow from 35 players in 2010 to 250+ today.

Now there is an even greater shift coming. Major League Baseball has been a PIFB partner since 2010, In partnership with MLB's Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI), we have helped thousands of boys and girls in urban neighborhoods play ball. New MLB Commissioner, Rob Manfred, is taking a long term view of how to increase participation in baseball/softball and PIFB is an integral part of those plans.

We are also continuing to put important programs in place with other strategic partners including Little League International, Wilson Sporting Goods, and USA Baseball. It's an exciting time to be part of the organization. Traction is a wonderful feeling.

We are grateful to you—our partners, donors, friends, and advocates. It is because of your support that we are able to continue to spread the joy of baseball to tens of thousands of kids around the globe each year.

Sincerely,

David E. Rhode Founder & Executive Director



2014 Projects: United States

(in alphabetical order by state and name)

Alabama River Region Alabama Montgomery

Arizona

Payson LL	Payson
West Valley Baseball	Phoenix

<u>Arkansas</u>

SMX Youth Sports Org. Jonesboro

California

153rd St. Elementary S	ch. <i>Gardena</i>
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Downey ASPIRE	Downey
SD American LL	San Diego
SD Hall of Champions	San Diego
San Diego Padres RBI	San Diego
San Francisco RBI	San Francisco
Simi Valley Baseball	Simi Valley
<u>Connecticut</u>	
New London LL	New London
<u>Florida</u>	
YMCA Treasure Cove	Stuart
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Sally Little League	Columbus
West Coweta LL	Newnan
KITE INC.	Douglasville
Belvedere LL	Atlanta
Life Saviors Church	Douglasville

Illinois

Lost Boyz Inc. Chicago K.A.O.S Sports Foundation Chicago Near West LL Maywood Lost Boyz Inc. Chicago AYSAF Chicago Brookfield Lyons-McCook LL B.I.G. Baseball Academy Chicago Kirby Puckett Youth Ctr. Chicago Project Hood Baseball Chicago Hales Franciscan HS Chicago

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Ben L. Smith Softball *Greensboro*

New Jersey

West End LL Trenton New Brunswick LL New Brunswick Pleasantville PAL Pleasantville Pleasantville MS/RBI Somers Point

New York

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<u>Pennsylvania</u>

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Wisconsin Boys & Girls Club

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Philadelphia Philadelphia Philadelphia Morton Philadelphia Philadelphia Newell Fall Branch Tullahoma Dallas Milwaukee Milwaukee



2014 Projects: International

(in alphabetical order by country)

Antigua Little League Baseball **Rawson** Capitals European Softball Federation* Rising Stars Baseball Softball Antigua Little League Baseball European Softball Federation* ACENBI Brazil Little League European Softball Federation* Cambodia Baseball Federation Cambodia Israel Softball Association Fund. Deportiva y Social Armadillos Colombia India Santo Domingo Beisbol European Softball Federation* Croatia Bandabou Tigers Baseball Acadamy Curacao European Softball Federation* Czech Republic Kabete Sports European Softball Federation* Denmark **R&RMEJIA** Berea Rotary Club Bekoji Baseball Ethiopia IBAF* Germany Micronesia Nat'l Olympic Com. Micronesia Israel Youth Baseball European Softball Federation* Black Angels Baseball Mirano European Softball Federation* West Portland LL Baseball Andrew Dixon Foundation

Antigua European Softball Federation* Argentina European Softball Federation* Austria European Softball Federation* Bahamas European Softball Federation Great Britain Barbuda European Softball Federation* Belgium European Softball Federation* Brazil Guyana Baseball League Brazil Liga de Softball Humberto Bulgaria European Softball Federation* Hungarian Baseball & Softball Assoc. Canada Szentendre Sleepwalkers Costa Rica European Softball Federation* Alice Baseball Project Baseball 4 Africa IBAF* Dominican Republic European Softball Federation* Dominican Republic Navojoa Baseball LL Region X IBAF* Netherlands European Softball Federation* Netherlands Baseball New Zealand New Zealand Israel St. Marks United Methodist Church Nicaragua European Softball Federation* Israel BLITS Italy Nicaragua Youth League Italy European Softball Federation* Jamaica Beisbol Arequipa *Jamaica* Assoc. BB & SB Club Skarbimierz Jersey UKS Softball Wroclaw

Finland MKS SZOSTKA BRZEG Poland European Softball Federation* Poland France Puerto Rico Germanv Puerto Rico RBI Clubul Sportiv Ishido Botosani Romania IBAF* Greece Romania Guernsey European Softball Federation* Romania Guyana European Softball Federation* Russia Honduras European Softball Federation* San Marino Hungary IBAF* Serbia Hungary European Softball Federation* Serbia Hungary European Softball Federation* Slovakia India IBAF* Slovenia Ireland Baseball Softball Assoc. of Slovenia Slovenia European Softball Federation* Slovenia Kenya Dragon Wings & Cobras Baseball South Africa Kenva Park Tigers Baseball Club South Africa Kenva European Softball Federation* Malta Spain European Softball Federation* Sweden Malta European Softball Federation* Switzerland Mexico Baseball Federation of Asia Taiwan IBAF* Tunisia IBAF* Turkey Turkey Uganda Little League Uganda Nicaragua Ukraine Baseball Ukraine Nicaragua Norway European Softball Federation* Ukraine Herts Baseball Blub United Kingdom Peru Poland Baseball For Hope Venezuela Poland Unlimited Potential Inc. Vietnam



European Softball Federation*

Yaniv, 16 years old (left), discovered baseball four years ago. Joining initially just to try something new, Yaniv has excelled, playing for his local team but also travelling with the Israel National team. Baseball has allowed Yaniv to travel, given him a sense of community, and kept him out of trouble. He is grateful to baseball for giving him opportunity.

Israel Youth Baseball has been a PIFB partner since 2006.



2014 Financial Donors

Legends (25,000+)

The Copham Family Foundation Hansen Foundation Honda Grants Little League Baseball, Incorporated State Farm

Hall of Famers (\$10,000-\$24,999)

PitCCh In Foundation Wilson Sporting Goods

MVP's (\$5,000-\$9,999)

Baseball Tomorrow Fund Copernicus Society of America Brad Korman Reynolds American Foundation Roy Smalley, III John Yengo

All-Stars (\$1,500-\$4,999)

Dave and Neen Davis Mr. and Mrs. Steven Manders Michael J. & Patricia Levitt Foundation Phillies' Charities Arthur and Ellen Pincus Twins' Community Fund

Home Runs (\$500-\$1,499)

Joseph Abate American Millwork & Cabinetry, Inc. Jonah Bornstein Scott Bornstein Thomas and Karen Briant Nelson Boxer California Community Foundation The Bernard A. Chapman Family Fund Blane Dexheimer Fan HO Howard Frank Eric Freisthler Judith Harte Michael Kopech Kopech-Fabrizio 2002 Trust Major League Baseball Charities, Inc. Michael Markovich Jeffrey Michael Jeff Parell Bill Piszek Ralph Lauren GM&S Team Rotary Club of Springfield Timothy Rowland **Robert Santangelo** Adam Sayers Paul Seiler Jennifer Snook Gavin Sundwall Steven Tellefsen

Rookies (\$250-\$499)

Bill Scheft Catherine Honey Jay Schulman Steven Berman Rob Naddelman Kerry Stubbs Laura and Mark Solomon Barbara Miller Rick Perko Total Turf Athletic Sharp's Landscaping Susan Sorenson and Richard Berk Jordan and Deanna Berman Shannon Smith Anthony Stagliano Victor Saldana Julia Wu

PIFB fulfills 100% of equipment grant requests for projects that grow youth baseball and softball in under-resourced communities around the world.

Monetary donations help us to expand our global reach and ensure that the kids who need assistance the most can still play ball.

2014 Financial Donors (cont...)

Designated Hitters (\$100-\$249)

Kathleen Arnold-Yerger Mark Arrimour Murray August Jill Baker Donald Baum Mitchell Bednoff Janice Beiter Allie Berger Marc Berman Michelle Billings Matthew Bonomo Jane Brever Raymond Burton Katherine Byrnes Caddick Construction Dave Caputo Shannon Carlye **Evans** Carter Anthony Cinelli Charles and Ellen Clarkson Joan & Robert Cohen Kermit Cole Todd Cook Glenn Cooper Raymond and Theresa Corio Mike Davison Thomas Decree Chris DeMaio Barbara and Harold Dunn Steven Fiss Nicholas Fanto The Florence Family David Flum John and Marty Frantz Bert Frost Generation Z Marketing Robert Gerber Mark Gherity Thomas Glazer Robert Gorman & Marissa Graziano Melodie Greenblatt Margaret Gross Robert Gunther

George Guzdek, Bison Environmental Robert Hart Brad Hattenbach Mark Hill James Holt Kristin Howland Stanley Isenberg Amber Johnson Don Jones Iunior Statesman David Kandel Jane and Dan Kleinman Samuel, Benton & Regan Koons Krebeck Foundation V. LaFlam James Lee Talia Leone Lil Angel's Bensalem Franklyn Litsky Veronica Lopez Jane Lowerre Lacev Luebber Philip Lynch Eric Maltman Carol Marcus Scott Mayers Mark Mazzanti Kevin McDermott Lisa Mitchell Robin Moch Modell's II, Inc. Margaret Anne Moore leff Moroch Peter Naber Carl Nadwodny Thomas Nalepa & Greta Garbus Thavy Nhem Dave Onopa lim Ostrowski Risto Pakarinen Zoe Pappas Craig Paritz Bernard Paul

Jim and Kim Riggs Ethan Romer James Rosten Jay Rosenstein Michael and Linda Ryan Jane Ryter Brendan Sammon Jennifer Schaffer Darryl Schall Katherine Scharlatt Stacev Schlosser Danielle Servetnick Denise Servis Vlad Shnevder Jerry Sidel Andrew Singer Ben Sklansky Michael Smith Sobel Family Chiropractic Steve Solomon Lois Stoopak **TB** Philly Team Courtyard Lansdale Lori Troilo Norma Villarreal Bob and Marlyn Vogel Jacqueline Waldman Samantha Waldman Steven Waldman Wilhelmina Waldman Joshua Weir Jane Weiss Douglas White Linda Wiener Hadley Williams Brigham Willis Sarah Winnay Benjamin Wolf Christopher Wood Chris Yeager Joel and Judy Zaklin Stefan Zaklin & Stephanie Kuykendal Jeff and Lori Zeaman



Victor, 8 from Chicago, witnessed the murder of his 16 year old brother in early 2014. Raised by a single mother who could not afford cleats, gloves, or a bat, PIFB made it possible for Victor to join the team. Baseball has become his escape from reality, a chance to be a kid and play with friends on the field and forget about the pain. It has also given his mother peace of mind to know that Victor is in good hands, surrounded by people who care about him.



2014 Equipment Donors

Joseph Abate Abington Friends School Noah Abrasley Matthew Albert Alma Alvarez Jared Arevian **Evan Arnold** Robin Aronow Larry Baldoni Stephen Barston Cory Bass Deborah Beblo Aiden Bednoff Daniel Bernstein R Boldin Box Brothers Brentwood Nelson Boxer Alan Bressler Patrick Brett Alexander Browne Donte Capelli Joseph Caplan Matthew Caputo Corey Carter Kevin Castello Megan Caufield **Dolores** Celis Central Perkiomen Youth Assoc. Chandler Bats

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Donations of equipment help to keep our costs low and enable us to support more leagues/teams each year. The things we need the most are: gloves (12"+), baseballs, softballs, and BBCOR bats.

* We apologize for any errors or omissions



2014 Equipment Donors (cont...)

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Highlight Reel: Partnerships

Wilson Sporting Goods: Get a Glove, Give a Glove

Wilson Sporting Goods' **Get a Glove**, **Give a Glove** program gives customers an opportunity to shop for a cause. With the purchase of each limited edition Glove of the Month, PIFB receives one glove.

In its inaugural year, Get a Glove, Give a Glove outfitted 1,000 kids with gloves.

The Hansen Foundation made a four-year grant commitment of \$50,000 per year to help PIFB increase revenue. This partnership matches all NEW dollars donated to Pitch In For Baseball.

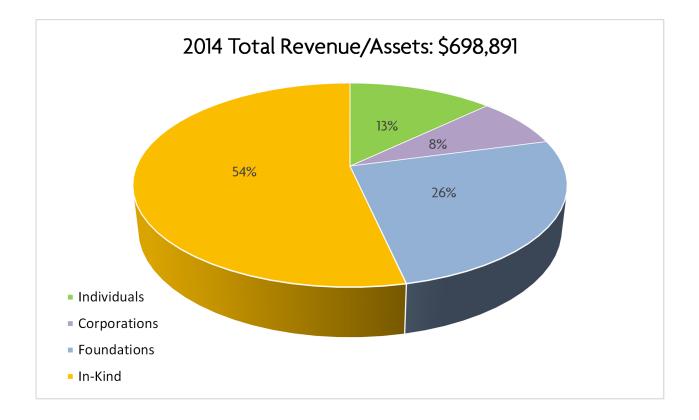
The Hansen Foundation: \$50,000 Matching Grant

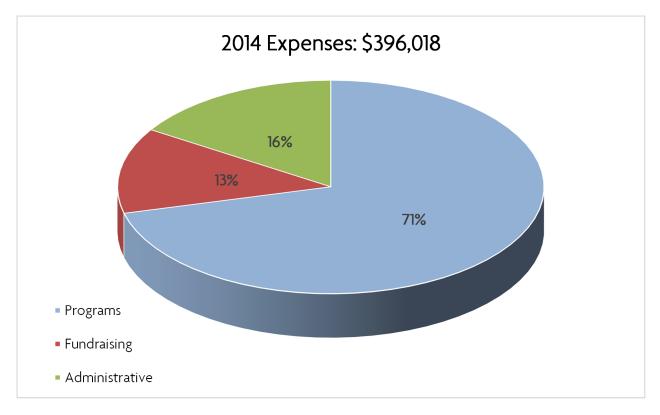
If you supported PIFB years ago or increase your annual gift, the Hansen Foundation will match those dollars 1:1.

Major League Baseball/ Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI)
In 2014, RBI committed \$70,000 to support the expansion of 80 new RBI teams in in San Diego, CA and Atlanta, GA.
Official equipment partner for the 2014 and 2015 All-Star Game FanFest.
Received \$5,000 from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund and Minnesota Twins to expand youth baseball in Minnesota.

Little League and long-time LL sponsor Honda donated \$100,000 to PIFB in 2014 to complete Showcase Donations in seven different communities around the globe. PIFB help to resource six emerging urban initiatives (Los Angeles, Chicago, Albuquerque, Charlotte, Jersey City, and Syracuse) and one international partner in the Philippines, benefitting thousands of kids.

Little League: 75th Anniversary





The Pitch In For Baseball Team

David Rhode Executive Director <u>drhode@pifb.org</u>

An avid sports fan and father of three, David created Pitch In For Baseball in 2005 as a way to bring the joy of baseball to all kids. Before David founded Pitch in For Baseball, he ran his own business for 12 years. He also has Marketing Management experience with Procter & Gamble and H.J. Heinz. David holds a BS in Marketing from Georgetown University and his Masters in Business Administration from the Wharton School.





Meredith Kim Director of Development <u>meredithk@pifb.org</u>

Meredith joined the PIFB team in August 2013. She has 12+ years of progressive fundraising experience for both small, large, and international nonprofit organizations. Her background of grant writing, conducting campaigns, strategic planning, and program evaluation will help to grow PIFB's impact. An avid little leaguer and varsity softball player throughout high school, Meredith fully embraces the impact of sports on youth development. Meredith has a BA in English from Dickinson College.

Steve Bizon Director of Operations & Programs <u>steveb@pifb.org</u>

A lifelong sports fan with dreams of having a job in the sports industry, Steven Bizon joined the Pitch In For Baseball team last May as an Operations intern. Since then, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from Gwynedd-Mercy University, with a degree in Sports Management. Steve joined the team full time in 2013 and is responsible for all equipment grant requests as well as equipment donations.

