



# 2016 Annual Report



LA Monarchs, Los Angeles

# About Us

## 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, teams, and organizations to start, continue, and/or expand their youth baseball programs.

## Core Programs

- Domestic and International Equipment Grants—PIFB equipment grants are designed to help leagues, teams, and community organizations around the globe get the proper equipment to play baseball and softball. Grantees complete required annual reporting detailing the impact of our donation. PIFB averages 300 projects each year.
- School-Based Program—Launched in 2008, PIFB's school based program and partnerships continue to grow each year. Our School-Based Program helps schools/districts stretch limited budgets, reduce participation fees, and shift funds to other areas such as transportation. In 2017, PIFB will be expanding its School-Based Program to 12 programs in 11 cities.
  - ⇒ State Farm: In 2017, State Farm will be providing funds to launch School Based Programs in 3 cities: Milwaukee, Phoenix, and Chicago.
  - ⇒ Atlanta: PIFB and the Braves are teaming up in 2017 to help several teams take the field this coming spring.
  - ⇒ Northern Kentucky: Considered a part of "Reds Territory", PIFB and the Reds are launching a School Based Program to help kids play baseball and softball.
  - ⇒ Bronx: In 2016, PIFB was able to launch a School Based Program in the Bronx in a partnership with the Yankees. Nearly 200 kids got to take the field and over 96% of participating students improved their attendance as a result of playing baseball or softball.
  - ⇒ Chicago: With support from Wilson Sporting Goods, PIFB helped 25 baseball teams expand their programs in 2016. Over 200 kids got to play baseball for the first time and 72% of participating students improved their grades as a result of getting on the field.
- Disaster Relief Programs—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 season on time. PIFB has assisted with relief efforts in NY/NJ shoreline following Hurricane Sandy; Joplin, MO; the Gulf Coast region; Japan; and in Houston, TX after major flooding hit the area in 2016.
- Kids Helping Kids: Youth Philanthropy— Whether for school service learning, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Eagle Scouts, or for fun, nearly 200 kids choose PIFB each year as their charitable partner. About 75% of the equipment PIFB gives away each year comes from the efforts of motivated, caring kids who run collections and fundraise on PIFB's behalf.



In 2016, Wilson Sporting Goods sponsored a project to help get kids from the South Side of Chicago on the field. Xavier, 13, had chronic attendance problems and didn't complete much school work. Playing baseball this season motivated him to show up to school and complete assignments. Brothers Alex and Carlos found that playing baseball brought their whole family together. They were proud to play in front of family and took on leadership roles on the team.





## Board of Directors (as of December 31, 2016)

David Rhode, CEO

Meredith P. Kim, COO

Roy Smalley, III, *President*  
-Smalley-Smith Group

Susan Lowe, CPA, *CFO*  
- Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services

David L. Davis, Esq., *Secretary*  
-Davis Bucco & Ardizzi

Eric Davis  
-DJE Holdings

Richard Gelles, Ph.D.  
-University of Pennsylvania

Michael Kopech  
-ESPN

Michael Markovich  
-Wilson Sporting Goods Co.

Bill Piszek  
-Copernicus Society of America

Arthur Pincus

Paul Seiler  
-USA Baseball

John Yengo  
- Doublecross Vodka

Shannon S. Smith  
-Southwest Energy

Dear Pitch In For Baseball family:

We at PIFB have the privilege of being able to help tens of thousands of children each year play ball and connect with fans of the game around the world. We get to help put smiles on children's faces. And it is because of the caring and generosity of the community, donors, partners, and advocates who share PIFB with their networks, help us connect with communities where equipment is a barrier to play, and want to spread the joy of the game to children.

Each year, I think that topping the previous year is not possible and each year, I am proven wrong. 2016 was Pitch In For Baseball's best... By far. It was a record year for so many reasons... We raised more than \$750,000, received record donations of equipment, and nearly doubled our impact. Those generous donations enabled us to make a meaningful impact and achieve the following:

- Helped 55,000 boys and girls play baseball and softball.
- Expanded our School-Based Program from two sites to six. The data from our School-Based Programs demonstrates an average of 70% of students improving academic scores and 75% with increased attendance.
- We added 10 new countries to our list. Children in Serbia, American Samoa, Cuba, Nepal, and Afghanistan are now getting to experience baseball and softball.

With more than 200 equipment donors each year, we get to hear what motivates people to give and get involved, the joy in their voices knowing that their efforts are going to make a difference in someone's life. Some donors are children who have been collecting equipment and raising funds for 5+ years. It is fun seeing these kids each year and hearing how passionate they are about PIFB. Others are families with current or past players who take comfort in knowing their investment will get to help another child play. I am continually amazed with the outpouring of support.

On the flipside, we connect with 350+ caring coaches, volunteers, parents who are trying to scrape together as many resources for children in their programs. We also get to hear the stories of specific children whose lives have meaningfully changed.

We are grateful to have the privilege to be doing what we do. Thank you for believing in us. .

For 2017, our Board of Directors have set a bold goal of helping 100,000 kids get on the field, nearly double our average. To do that, we will be increasing staffing, looking for more equipment recipients, expanding our successful School-Based Program, and forging collaborative partnerships. Please stay connected to us and support our progress.

Here's to incredible 2017!

Warm Regards.

David Rhode  
Founder/CEO

# 2016 Projects: United States



**2016 U.S. Totals:**

- 305 projects
- 35,000+ kids served
- 36 states

■ = Softball Project  
■ = Baseball & Softball Project

<b>Arkansas</b>		<b>Illinois (cont...)</b>		<b>Maryland</b>		<b>North Carolina</b>	
Alpena HS	Alpena	Dvorak School of Excellence	Chicago	Patterson HS	Baltimore	Play Ball NC	Cary
Bill Mitch Boys & Girls Club	Little Rock	Englewood Police Yth Bsbll	Chicago	Base Sliders	Laurel	Durham Triple Play	Durham
<b>Arizona</b>		Foss Park Districts	Chicago	<b>Maine</b>		Northside K-8 & Community	Norlina
Cactus HS	Phoenix	Garfield Park LL	Chicago	<b>Whitefield Elementary Sch</b>		Buck Leonard Association	Rocky Mt
<b>California</b>		Gresham School of Exc.	Chicago	<b>Michigan</b>		Power Cross Ministries	Statesville
Central Valley LL	Cathedral City	Herzel	Chicago	Bates	Detroit	Boys & Girls Club RBI	Wilmington
Firebaugh Baseball	Firebaugh	Isabell O'Keefe	Chicago	Burton	Detroit	<b>Nebraska</b>	
Central LL	High Land	John Harvard	Chicago	EAGLE Sports Club	Detroit	Boys & Girls Club Midlands S.	Omaha
Baldwin Hills	Inglewood	Julia Ward Howe School	Chicago	Earhart	Detroit	<b>New Jersey</b>	
Darby Park	Inglewood	Lewis School of Excellence	Chicago	Flics	Detroit	Woodbridge Township	Colonia
Inglewood Pony	Inglewood	Lost Boyz Inc	Chicago	Garvey	Detroit	New Jersey RBI	Newark
Rogers Park	Inglewood	Marquette School of Exc.	Chicago	Harms	Detroit	Passaic Recreation	Passaic
County of LA East	Los Angeles	McNair School of Excellence	Chicago	Henderson	Detroit	<b>Nevada</b>	
Dedeaux Foundation	Los Angeles	Melville W Fuller School	Chicago	Munger	Detroit	Central LL of Las Vegas	Las Vegas
Dodgers RBI	Los Angeles	Morton School of Excellence	Chicago	Pastuer	Detroit	<b>New York</b>	
Edward Vincent Jr Park	Los Angeles	National Teacher's Academy	Chicago	Schulze	Detroit	Bronx School for Law/Gvt/Jus	Bronx
HILL	Los Angeles	Pablo Casals School of Exc.	Chicago	Down River Tri-City Baseball	Ecorse	Claremont International HS	Bronx
Jackie Tatum	Los Angeles	Rose Moore LL	Chicago	At Bat	Southfield	Health Opp. Social Justice HS	Bronx
Los Angeles BGCA	Los Angeles	Sherman School of Exc.	Chicago	Southwest Detroit LL Sports	Taylor	HS of Info & Network Tech	Bronx
Math & Science Prep	Los Angeles	Stagg School of Excellence	Chicago	<b>Minnesota</b>		Little League Raiders	Bronx
University LL	Los Angeles	Tarkington	Chicago	Clara Barton School	Minneapolis	Neighborhood Kids	Bronx
View Park Prep HS	Los Angeles	The Chicago Academy Elem	Chicago	Cristo Rey Jesuit HS	Minneapolis	New Era Baseball & Softball	Bronx
Florin LL	Sacramento	Thomas Chalmers School	Chicago	Fowlwell Performing Arts	Minneapolis	South Bronx HS	Bronx
San Diego Padres RBI	San Diego	Thornridge HS	Dolton	Minneapolis Park & Rec	Minneapolis	Taft Educational Campus	Bronx
KidWorks	Santa Ana	Near West LL	Maywood	Minneapolis Roosevelt	Minneapolis	Taino LL	Bronx
LA Monarchs Girls Bsbll	S. Pasadena	Phoenix Park District Eagle	Phoenix	Minneapolis SW HS	Minneapolis	Brooklyn RBI JR	Brooklyn
<b>Florida</b>		Greenville Jr. High	Sorento	Patrick Henry HS	Minneapolis	Brooklyn Tigers Org	Brooklyn
Highlands LL	Jacksonville	South Suburban Defenders	S.Holland	South HS	Minneapolis	NYC Youth Sports Org	Floral Park
North Lakeland Bsbll & Sball	Lakeland	<b>Indiana</b>		Thomas Edison HS	Minneapolis	August Martin HS	Jamaica
Pensacola Hype	Pensacola	Mattingly RBI	Evansville	Battle Creek MS	St. Paul	Business of Sports School	New York
Vero Beach RBI	Vero Beach	(Rookie Ball, Short Season,		Harding HS	St. Paul	Graphics Campus	New York
Willis Sport Association	Vero Beach	High A, Low A, AA)		Hazel Park Prep Academy	St. Paul	Harlem Hitting Academy	New York
<b>Georgia</b>		World Baseball Academy	Ft. Wayne	St. Paul Humboldt HS	St. Paul	Michael Buczek LL	Stoney Pt
Playing Time Ministry	Milton	<b>Kansas</b>		St. Paul Municipal Athletics	St. Paul	Boys & Girls Club	Syracuse
<b>Iowa</b>		League 42 Foundation	Wichita	Washington Tech. School	St. Paul	Spring Youth Baseball	Troy
One Eighty	Davenport	Louisiana		<b>Missouri</b>		<b>Ohio</b>	
<b>Illinois</b>		Louisiana Rip	Kenner	Kansas City RBI	Kansas City	Garfield HS	Akron
Benton Area Team Sports	Benton	PARD	Marrero	Kansas City Tball	Kansas City	Kiwanis New Boston LL	New Boston
Bradwell School of Exc.	Chicago	Urban Youth Acad. RBI	New Orleans	Green City R-1 HS	Kirkville	<b>Oklahoma</b>	
Brian Piccolo School of Exc.	Chicago	Bolton HS	Pineville	<b>Mississippi</b>		Salina JH & HS Program	Salina
Carter School of Excellence	Chicago	<b>Massachusetts</b>		Drew Community	Cleveland	Skiatook LL	Skiatook
Curtis	Chicago	John D. O'Bryant School	Boston	<b>Montana</b>		<b>Oregon</b>	
Deneen School of Excellence	Chicago	Salem Witches Softball	Salem	Hays Lodgepole	Hays	Madison HS	Portland
Dewey School of Excellence	Chicago	South Worcester Sports	Worcester				
Dulles School of Excellence	Chicago						



# 2016 Projects: United States (cont...)



**2016 U.S. Totals:**

- 305 projects
- 35,000+ kids served
- 36 states

■ = Softball Project  
■ = Baseball & Softball Project

## Pennsylvania

City of Chester Jr. RBI  
NCSA Youth Softball League  
**Antonia Pantoja**  
Central HS  
**Constitution HS**  
**Edison/Fareira HS**  
**Eugenio Maria School**  
**Frankford HS**  
Franklin Towne HS  
**Freire Charter**  
**General David Birney**  
**Gen. George McCall**  
George Wash. HS  
GAMP  
Grover Wash. JH  
Hill-Freedman HS  
Horace Howard Furn.  
**John B Stetson**  
**Julia De Burgos**  
Juniata Park Academy  
Kensington Multiplex  
Lamberton Elem.  
Lawncrest Lions  
Liberty Bell Youth  
Mastery Charter School  
MLK Rec Center  
McVeigh Rec Center  
Northeast HS

## Pennsylvania (cont...)

*Chester* **Phila Perf Arts Charter**  
*Erie* R&R Mejia Phila  
*Philadelphia* **Roxborough HS**  
*Philadelphia* **Science Leader Acad**  
*Philadelphia* **Stephen Decatur**  
*Philadelphia* **South Phila HS**  
*Philadelphia* Southwest RBI  
*Philadelphia* West Phila HS  
*Philadelphia* William Hunter Sch  
*Philadelphia* William Bodine HS  
*Philadelphia* Olivet RBI  
*Philadelphia* **Steel High JH/SH**  
*Philadelphia* Steelton Midget Bsbll  
*Philadelphia* **Rhode Island**  
*Philadelphia* Boys & Girls Club  
*Philadelphia* **South Carolina**  
*Philadelphia* Woodruff Youth Rec  
*Philadelphia* **South Dakota**  
*Philadelphia* Boys & Girls of Rosebud  
*Philadelphia* Rosebud 9-12 Team  
*Philadelphia* Parmelee Baseball  
*Philadelphia* The Baby Defenders  
*Philadelphia* **Tennessee**  
*Philadelphia* Dr. K's Venom  
*Philadelphia* **A. Maceo Walker**  
*Philadelphia* **Bellevue**  
*Philadelphia* **Colonia**  
*Philadelphia* **Cordova**

## Tennessee (cont...)

*Philadelphia* **Craigmont**  
*Philadelphia* **E.E. Jeter MS**  
*Philadelphia* **Fairley HS**  
*Philadelphia* **Georgian Hills**  
*Philadelphia* **Germantown**  
*Philadelphia* GRAD Academy  
*Philadelphia* Grandview  
*Philadelphia* **Hamilton**  
*Philadelphia* **JP Freeman**  
*Philadelphia* **Kate Bond**  
*Reading* **Kingsbury**  
*Steelton* **Lowrance**  
*Steelton* **MAHS HS**  
*Steelton* **MAHS MS**  
*Pawtucket* **Manassas HS**  
*Moore* **Maxine Smith STEM Acad.**  
*Moore* **Memphis Acad. Sci & Eng.**  
*Mission* **Middle College HS**  
*Mission* **Mitchell HS**  
*Parmelee* **Overton HS**  
*Pine Ridge* **Raleigh-Egypt HS**  
*Pine Ridge* **Riverview**  
*Knoxville* **Sherwood**  
*Memphis* **Snowden**  
*Memphis* **Whitehaven**  
*Memphis* RBI Baseball Nashville  
*Memphis*

## Texas

*Memphis* Texas Rangers 10U  
*Memphis* City of Grapevine Service  
*Memphis* Bear Creek LL  
*Memphis* Parkwood Ntl LL  
*Memphis* South East LL  
*Memphis* Hays Youth Bsbll/Sball Assc.  
*Memphis* La Marque HS  
*Memphis* Laredo HardNoseBaseball  
*Memphis* Orange County Stark Tigers  
*Memphis* West Oaks LL  
*Memphis* Rowlett Youth Bsbll League  
*Memphis* La Marque/W. Texas LL  
*Memphis* **Virginia**  
*Memphis* Cornerstone Mattingly Charity  
*Memphis* **Washington D.C.**  
*Memphis* DC Grays RBI  
*Memphis* Youth Bsbll Acad.  
*Memphis* **Wisconsin**  
*Memphis* COA Youth & Family Centers  
*Memphis* Hayward Youth Baseball  
*Memphis* **West Virginia**  
*Memphis* Rocky River Mission Trip  
*Memphis*  
*Memphis*  
*Memphis*  
*Nashville*



Often missing days of school at a time, school administrators were unsure if Daija would be able to move on to the 8th grade. When she decided to play on the new softball team this year, the principal was clear she couldn't play until her attendance improved. Daija followed through and then some. She improved her attendance and grades and understood the importance of being there for her team. Daija found her own motivation, engaging in many facets of the school community in addition to softball. Of the nearly 300 girls that participated in the 2016 School Based Program in Philadelphia, 78% of students improved their grades as a result of playing softball.

# 2016 Projects: International



## 2016 Totals:

- 47 projects
- 17,000+ kids served
- 25 countries

518th Resolute Sust. Brigade	<i>Afghanistan</i>	Rujohn Foundation	<i>Jamaica</i>
<b>American Samoa Softball</b>	<i>American Samoa</i>	Baseball 4 Africa	<i>Kenya</i>
Colombia-Venezuela Athletes	<i>Colombia</i>	MLB Assc (Alex Cobb)	<i>Kuwait</i>
Liga De Beisbol de Cordoba	<i>Colombia</i>	Bball Juveniles de San Miguel Allende	<i>Mexico</i>
MLB's Liga de Beisbol de Cordoba	<i>Colombia</i>	Rio Bravo Little League	<i>Mexico</i>
Un Hit Por La Vida	<i>Colombia</i>	The Gurkha Crew Baseball	<i>Nepal</i>
Liceo La Rita	<i>Costa Rica</i>	Mjondalen (MIF)	<i>Norway</i>
Poas Baseball	<i>Costa Rica</i>	Norway Little League	<i>Norway</i>
Habaneros Baseball Team	<i>Cuba</i>	Division Schools Athletic Meet	<i>Philippines</i>
Mantazas Baseball Program	<i>Cuba</i>	Philippines Initiative	<i>Philippines</i>
Curacao Baseball City Foundation	<i>Curacao</i>	<b>Baseball &amp; Softball Fndn (Khabarovsk)</b>	<i>Russia</i>
BIDO	<i>Dominican Republic</i>	<b>Baseball &amp; Softball Fndn (Yaroslavl')</b>	<i>Russia</i>
Hands on New York, Inc.	<i>Dominican Republic</i>	<b>Softball Federation Serbia</b>	<i>Serbia</i>
Man Up and Go	<i>Dominican Republic</i>	Impondo Van Der Stel Bofbal	<i>South Africa</i>
MLB Assc (Edwin Encarnacion)	<i>Dominican Republic</i>	Uganda Little League	<i>Uganda</i>
MLB Assc (Nelson Cruz)	<i>Dominican Republic</i>	Chronomorsk-Molodizhne LL	<i>Ukraine</i>
PureHeart	<i>Dominican Republic</i>	PONY Ukraine	<i>Ukraine</i>
Greece District1	<i>Greece</i>	Society Initiatives Institute	<i>Ukraine</i>
Guyana Baseball League	<i>Guyana</i>	Ukraine English Club	<i>Ukraine</i>
Liga Rafael Oquelli Rico	<i>Honduras</i>	Ukraine Little League	<i>Ukraine</i>
Liga Roberto Valenzuela LL	<i>Honduras</i>	Ukraine Plays Ball	<i>Ukraine</i>
<b>Hungarian Baseball/Softball Federation</b>	<i>Hungary</i>	Ukrainian Little League Baseball	<i>Ukraine</i>
Israel Association of Baseball (Fall)	<i>Israel</i>	Youth Center(Молодіжний Центр)	<i>Ukraine</i>
Israel Association of Baseball (Spring)	<i>Israel</i>		



Left by their fathers at a young age, Mariana and Luisa have faced great adversity in their lives. Each having only one parent who struggled to make ends meet, both girls began selling candy in the streets at a young age to help provide for their families. After a local league received gear from PIFB, Mariana and Luisa decided to play. The girls fell in love with the sport and are now able to spend time off the streets playing baseball, learning life values, having fun, and enjoying their childhood.



# Program Highlights



**MLB Pitcher Alex Cobb**  
**Camp Arifjan, Kuwait**

Every so often, PIFB is given an opportunity to send equipment to military personnel serving our country overseas. This year, Rays ace Alex Cobb approached PIFB about sending equipment to troops overseas in honor of his brother who is in the Army. Baseball and softball equipment give troops a much needed outlet for stress relief when they have down time. Additionally, troops are able to introduce baseball and softball to children in the local communities, helping to get kids playing ball that we may not otherwise be able to reach. PIFB was able to send six boxes of equipment to soldiers at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait which will be starting up inner squad leagues in 2017.

**Los Angeles Monarchs**  
**All Girls Baseball Team**

When longtime baseball fan and Los Angeles native Gillian realized that the area had many girls who wanted to continue playing baseball, she formed the LA Monarchs, a girls only baseball team. With a number of girls coming from low income families, many of them struggle to pay the minimal participation fee and cannot afford equipment. PIFB was able to help with their equipment needs and keep the girls on the field.



**Rosebud Boys & Girls Club**  
**Rosebud Sioux Community, SD**

This year the Rosebud Boys & Girls Club of the Rosebud Sioux Community in South Dakota, raised enough funds to attend an Inter-Tribal Youth Baseball tournament hosted by the Diamondbacks. With many of the boys having never left their communities, the team was ecstatic about attending but they had limited gear and no uniforms. PIFB was able to provide the team with the necessary equipment for the tournament and the entire Boys & Girls Club with gear as well.



**School Based Program with New York Yankees**  
**Bronx, NY**

The New York Yankees kicked off the partnership with PIFB with a very generous donation in exchange for Alex Rodriguez's 3,000th hit ball, caught by Zack Hample, a longtime PIFB supporter. In 2016, PIFB and the Yankees launched a program in the Bronx to help schools and parks and recreation teams get on the field. Five baseball and five softball teams in the Bronx received equipment. Over 96% of participating students improved their grades as a result of playing ball.



# 2016 Financial Donors

## Legends (\$50,000+)

Hansen Foundation  
Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation  
Major League Baseball Charities, Inc.  
Minnesota Twins  
Tull Family Foundation  
State Farm Insurance Agency

## Hall of Famers (\$25,000-\$49,999)

New York Yankees  
Wilson Sporting Goods

## Triple Crown's (\$10,000-\$24,999)

Andreas Foundation  
Cincinnati Reds Community Fund  
Copernicus Society of America  
Little League Baseball, Inc.  
NorthMarq Capital  
PitCCh In Foundation

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

Baseball Industry Growth Fund, LLC  
Baseball Tomorrow Fund  
Brad Korman  
Marra Family Fund  
Romaniello Family Foundation  
Roy F. Smalley III  
Shannon Smith  
John Yengo

## All-Star's (\$1,500-\$4,999)

Apogee Labs  
Cauldwell Wingate Construction  
Davis Bucco  
Gabriel Dorame  
Light For You Charitable Foundation  
Michael Markovich  
Mattingly Charities, Inc.  
MLB Player's Association  
Papa John's Advertising  
Arthur Pincus

## All-Star's cont'd (\$1,500-\$4,999)

Reider Excavation  
Irving Shafran  
Southwest Energy

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

Apple Bank  
Paula Bennett  
Berdon LLP  
Bluestein Michael & Company, PC  
Bravo Builders  
Linda Brehmer  
Dave Davis  
Duane Morris LLP  
Eric Davis  
Frenkel & Co.  
Gerstein Strauss LLP  
Goulston & Storrs PC  
Lazarus Heyman  
Ingram Yuzek LLP  
Lisa Kiell  
Sam Konstan  
Michael Kopech  
Kopech-Fabrizio Trust  
Michael J. & Patricia Levitt Family Fndn.  
Michael Lombardi  
M&T Charitable Foundation  
Manhattan Athletic Club  
Brent Milner  
David Namerow  
Stephen Paluszek  
Anthony Petitti  
Bill Pizek  
Tim Rowland  
Rushmore Loan Management  
Richard Scharf  
Pamela Schein Murphy  
Sclesinger Gannon LLP  
Daniel Sheridan  
Bradley Smith

## Home Runs cont'd (\$500-\$1,499)

Stahl Real Estate  
Stern Tannenbaum & Bell LLP  
Jeff Streich  
Rose Tyberg  
The Wallach Foundation  
Yoga Den  
Youth Service America  
Joel Zaklin

## Rookies (\$250-\$499)

Arris Design  
Benevity Community Impact Fund  
Bridgetown Thunder Baseball Club  
Mitzi Burkinshaw  
Zach Dewitt  
Donald Dunn  
Sharon Elbaz  
John Foderaro  
Fort Lee Athletic Club  
James Lee  
Jeremy Levine  
Phil Lewis  
Daniel Litt  
Jenny McCauley  
Tomas McGee  
Michael Massotto  
Meredith Matthews  
Maxwell Meren  
Jonathan Podell  
Jaclyn Rubin  
Tracy Seiger  
Ann Shipley  
Randi Siegal  
Susan B Sorenson  
Bryan Spillane  
Kerry Stubbs  
Andrew Zuckerman

**\*We apologize for any errors or omissions**



Through Babe Ruth League, PIFB was able to send equipment to a start up league in Jamaica. None of the children had their own equipment or had even played baseball before. After a day of instruction, one of the children who had never played baseball before, quickly picked it up and became the best player there. His mother told the instructors she had never seen her son so excited about a sport before baseball.



# 2016 Financial Donors (cont...)

## Designated Hitters(\$100-\$249)

Jeanie Alldredge  
Kathleen M Arnold-Yerger  
Evan Asire  
Nicole Bailey  
Leslie Banks  
George Barber  
Sally Jo Beverly  
Andrew M Bingham  
Robert Binkow  
Rich Blaha  
Jill Bobigan  
Allison Boester  
Matthew Bonomo  
Tina Boshardy  
Edward Brooks  
Lisa Brooks  
Ryan Brown  
Suzanne Budesa  
Sarah Bunting  
Causecast Foundation  
Albert Ciardi  
Charles Clarkson  
Stephen L. Cleary  
Richard Cobb  
Linda Collie  
Cat Conroy  
Rob Contreras  
Lindsay Cooper  
Arlene Crosson  
Beth Davidovich  
Caroline Davidson  
William Carl Davis  
Bill Davison  
Mike Davison  
Jane Day  
Tael Denbo  
Betty Dicker  
Steven Diehl  
Diane Difrancesco  
Alison Dunn  
Casey Dunn  
June R. Dunn  
Lior Evan  
Dave Eversole  
David Fallick  
Ivonne Fleitas  
Lori Forman-Jacobi  
Kevin Fritz  
Gordon Fronk

Sheila Fuente  
Christopher Gamble  
Mark. A Gherity  
Bruce Gilbert  
Deanna Gilman  
Gingrich, Smith, Klingensmith & Dolan  
Patricia Glasgow  
Elana Goldberg  
Irving Goldberg  
Jonathan Goldblatt  
Philip Goldsmith  
Catherine Gopaulsingh  
Melodie and Ron Greenblatt  
Geri Grossman  
Vivian Grossman  
Yvette Gurwitz  
George Guzdek, Bison Environmental  
Bradley Handler  
Michael Held  
Mike Henry  
Juliana Hill  
Jessica Holden  
Helen Holt  
David M. Homzik  
Erick Horton  
Teresa Jones  
Michal Kahan  
Ben Kahn  
Rebecca Kahn  
Larry and Denise Kaplan  
Lawrence Kaplan  
Kara Katz  
Michael D. Katzman  
Joshua Kaufthal  
Nancy Kear-Johnson  
Abbe Kellner  
Michael Kelly  
Henry Kern  
Janice Kim  
Adam Kooperman  
Karen Kuhn  
Kate Laier  
Jennifer Lanktree  
James Lee  
Maryam Lendi  
Aliza Lerner  
Jerome Leshne  
Barry Levin  
Jonathan Levin  
Mark Lewis  
Phil Lewis  
Elaine Lin  
Terry Lingenhoel  
Allison Lorber  
Susan Lowe  
Jane Lowerre  
Michelle Lupkin  
David Majewski  
Elliot Mrash  
Judith Martaron  
Carolyn McCarthy  
James McGuire  
Daniel Medford  
Carmela Merendino  
Liz Merry  
Scott Messinger  
Lisa Metcalfe  
Adam Millsom  
Christine C. Monterosso  
Allan Noddle  
Jeffrey Noddle  
Susie Noddle  
Sarina Ogden  
Johanna Ojeda  
Bernard Paul  
Amanda Peiffer  
Susan Perl  
Michele Pilc  
Alisa Pincus  
Suzanne Pincus  
Staci Rosenbloom  
Jay Rosenstein  
Ben Rosner  
Karen Rosner  
Stacey Rutherford  
Kari Saitowitz  
Jennifer Schaffer  
Sandra Schlanger  
Stacey Schlosser  
Stacey Schneider  
Kerry Racine  
James Randolph  
David Rhode  
Daniel Schnurman  
William Schwartz  
Paula D. Segal  
James Sharp  
Donald Shokrian

Barbara Silva  
Alex Silverman  
Silverman Family  
Michael Simons  
June Slowik  
Rina Sproat  
Tamara Stark  
Emily Stein  
Heather Stern  
Julie Stevenson  
Hatsuyo Stroh  
Bjorn Thode  
Harley Ungar  
Dawn Vanis  
Olivia & Michael Vix  
Ellen Volpe  
Brendan R. Walsh  
Mary Washington  
Alison Weinberg  
Jai West  
Winifred Westcott  
Michelle Wilkes  
Charlotte Wolf  
Christopher Wood  
Mohamed Zabian  
Alexandra Zachowski  
Martin & Lynne Zaikov  
Stephan & Stephanie Zaklin  
Myrna Zuckerman

**\*We apologize for any errors or omissions**

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.

# Highlight Reel: Partnerships

## Wilson Sporting Goods

Wilson's Get a Glove, Give a Glove Program has provided PIFB with 5,000 gloves to date. In 2016, WSG partnered with PIFB to launch the Chicago School-Based Program, helping to outfit 25 middle school teams from the south and west sides of Chicago. Over 200 kids got to play baseball for the first time and 72% of participating students improved their grades as a result of getting on the field.



## NorthMarq Capital

Thanks to NorthMarq Capital, PIFB was able to support the needs of Garfield Park Little League's 18 teams. Located in one of the most under-resourced neighborhoods in Chicago, Garfield Park Little League is successful due to the tight-knit, community, ensuring that 300 kids get on the field each year. Garfield Park is a Little League Urban Initiative.



## MLB Player's Association

PIFB and the Players Association have worked together to help hundreds of kids get back on the field following a natural disaster. In 2016, the Players Association helped rebuild West Oaks Little League, Bear Creek Little League and Parkwood Little League who lost everything due to flooding in Houston, TX. MLB players Jose Cruz Jr and Max Stassi and private donors enabled PIFB to replenish all the destroyed equipment for the leagues.



## State Farm

Longtime partner State Farm Insurance is switching up their commitment to PIFB this coming year. In 2017 State Farm will be providing funds to launch School Based Programs in three cities; Chicago, Phoenix, and Milwaukee. These programs will be launching in the spring of 2017 and are expected to help thousands of kids get the opportunity to play baseball or softball while also focusing on helping kids improve attendance and grades.



## Strategic Partners





# 2016 Equipment Donors

Robin Ahrberg	Oliver Chung-Greco	Roger Gordon	Wendy Kimelmann
Silvia Almeida	Ed Ciecwisz	Tara Graefe	Phoebe Kirsh
Robert Anderson	Mary Claghorn	Art Greco	Julie Klein
Babe Ruth League, Inc.	Josh Cohen	Matthew Greco	Brady Kline
Nicole Bailey	Michael Comisky	Kathryn Green	Stan Koehne
JD Barron	Tim Corle	Jose Grell	Bri Kuhn
Pamela Barroway	Ann M. Craig	Andrew Grinberg	Ryan LaMay
Lauren Barth	Lauren Creiman	Jake Grossman	Brad Lecare
The Baseball Center NYC	Isaac Curley	Gabrielle Guzdek	Alyson Levine
Basking Ridge Baseball Club	Darien Youth Baseball	Zack Hample	Alex Levine
Jared Battaglia	Gary Davidson	Harleysville Girls Softball	Ethan Levine
Jeffrey Beideman	Zach Dewitt	Shirley Harmon	Ian Levine
Thomas Bender	Terry Dibartolomeo	Jonathan Harris	Justin Lewis
Adam Benton	Rob Disanto	Tim Hartnett	Martha Lichtbleu
Matthew Bergman	Jeff Drobner	Joe Haskell	Little League Baseball
Sharon Bieber	Connie Ellis	Judy and Sam Havard	Pete Lodato
Patty Birney	Mindy Ernie	Russ Henderson	Lou Lombardo
Amy and Chris Blair	Robert Faherty	Marc Hernandez	Brendan Lowery
Matthew Blickley	Mitchell Fairgrieve	Tyler Homka	Jacob Lozinski
Bliss Family	James B. Fallon	Pat Horvath	Carolyn Lyons
Zack Boderman	William Fallon	Jerry Hrabal	Jake Maayan
David Brandeis	Julie Fernsler	Helen Huang	Heather Magdall
Marc Bronstein	Ethan and Jake Fifer	Malinda Hudkins	Morgan Magistro
Spencer Brooks	Leslie Fiore	Alexa Hunter	Olivia Malone
Jennifer Brundage	John Fitzgerald	Christine Hylenski	Carol Marcus
Kevin Bukowski	John Foderaro	Jack Jablonski	Mars-Metro Warriors Baseball
Myles Burbank	Forgell Family	Leila Joffe	Donna Mason-Rivera
David Burris	Pam Franklin	Ben Kahn	Terry Matthaides
C&M Sporting Goods	Peter Fridman	Adam Kamberg	Heather Maund
Cadie Carlson	Todd Friedman	Daniel Kane	Harry Maurice
Jim and Cindy Carr	William Fuller	Mary Jo Kannon	Josiah McBride
Trent Caudill	Ethan Gavin	Amy Keaton	Tom McCormack
Centerville Baseball/Softball	Jackson Gelbard	Zach Keller	Sharon Mess
Christopher Chiuchiolo	Andrew Gelgao	Scott Kelly	Ryan Messinger
			David Meyer
			Max Meyer
			Michigan State Athletics
			Ana Miller



## Equipment Donor Spotlight

After watching his older brother complete a project for PIFB, high school sophomore Brendan Lowery followed in his footsteps. He ran an equipment drive that brought in over 500 pieces of gear for Pitch In For Baseball! In early 2016, Brendan had the opportunity to hand deliver the equipment to kids in the Dominican Republic in conjunction with a project with MLB star, Nelson Cruz. Brendan says, "It is one thing to collect equipment, send it off, and assume it got somewhere, but another thing to see first hand how much happiness and excitement it brought and how helpful our used equipment was going to be".

# 2016 Equipment Donors (cont...)



Jim and Leslie Miller  
 Sean Milligan  
 Brent Milner  
 Elizabeth & Jonathan Mishkin  
 David Mitchell  
 Tyler & Austin Moldovan  
 Gaines Moore  
 Antoniette Morales  
 Laura Moran  
 Jim Mulgrew  
 Anthony Murray  
 Jake Nadley  
 Natick Little League  
 Tate Nelson  
 New Cannan High School Baseball  
 NJ Heist  
 North Central Little League Seattle  
 Office Max  
 Pajaro Valley Little League  
 Brett Palmateer  
 Nick Parker  
 Noah Perlin  
 North Wall Little League  
 Paul Pettinato  
 Marianne Petty  
 Phillies RBI  
 Plymouth Babe Ruth Baseball  
 Patrick Ponath  
 Susan Portelli  
 Hannah Ptak

Ludwig Randazzo & Family  
 Reid's Hometown Emporium  
 Donald Reiter Jr  
 Alec Riley  
 Simone Rivel  
 Kathy Rodman  
 Rosso  
 Richard Roux  
 Robert Sachs  
 Brad Samuelson  
 Helen Schlientz  
 John Schmuck  
 Stacey Schneider  
 Nathan Schor  
 Philip Schultz  
 Schuylkill Valley Sports  
 Schuylkill Valley Youth Baseball  
 Mark Sciutto  
 Heather Secord  
 Felicia Seidel  
 Randi Shamis  
 Margaret Shukur  
 John Smith  
 Mark Smyth  
 Maria Sosa  
 Alex Span  
 Seth Spector  
 John Spots  
 State College Little League  
 Jacob Steiner

Aiden Stepansky  
 Helene Sullivan  
 Tetrapolitan Kiwanis Club  
 Serena Turco  
 Twin City Youth Baseball  
 Under Armour  
 Danny Visnov  
 Greg Weikel  
 Richard and Kathryn Westrich  
 Rob Whalen  
 Barry Wheeler  
 Al White  
 Stephanie Wichman  
 Wilson Sporting Goods  
 Caleb Wolin  
 Kaymee Wood  
 Rob Wooldridge  
 Walter Yahn  
 John Yengo  
 Roger Young  
 Jake Zaikov  
 Jenna Zamkov  
 Ira Zaretsky  
 Daulton Zeaman  
 \*We apologize for any errors or omissions

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



## Equipment Donor Spotlight

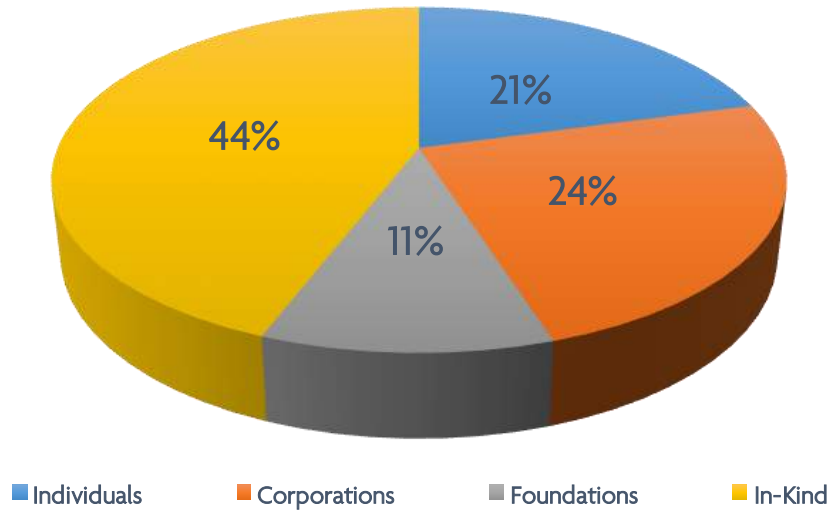
For his Bar Mitzvah project, Zach chose to support PIFB to make sure kids all over the world have a chance to play ball. He coordinated 3 community events and the response was amazing! Zach was able to collect over 600 pieces of equipment on PIFB's behalf for his Mitzvah Project! About 75% of the equipment PIFB collects and redistributes comes from caring kids like Zach who run collections on our behalf for school service projects, Mitzvah Projects, Boy/Girl Scout Projects, or just because! Kids from all across the country assist PIFB in collecting much needed gear—we couldn't do it without you!



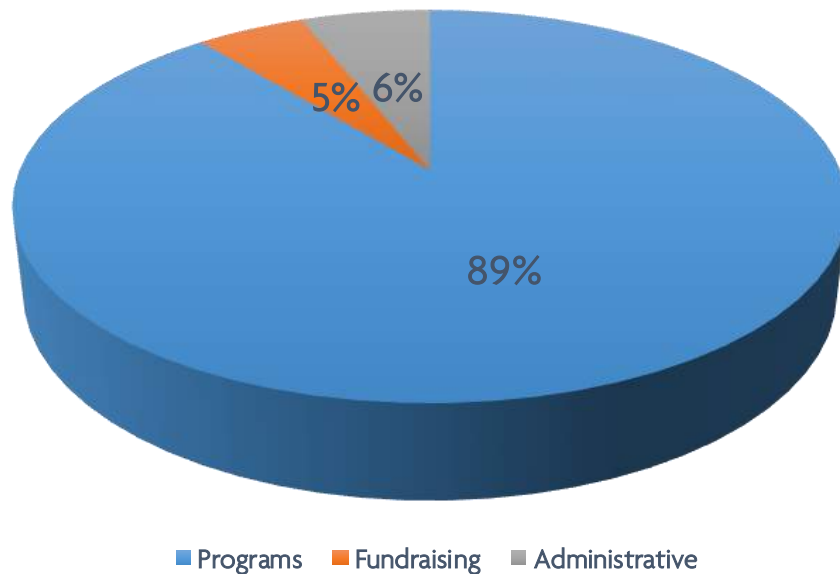
# 2016 Financials

(for fiscal year ending 12/31/16)

2016 Total Revenue/Assets: \$1,424,461



2016 Total Expenses: \$738,023



Before baseball, Jorby had trouble focusing in school and as a result his grades suffered. This year, the Bronx-native decided to join the baseball team. As the season progressed, Jorby's coach received feedback from his teachers that his grades and focus in the classroom had drastically improved. Moreover, Jorby's skills improved on the field and the team was able to qualify for the playoffs this season. Nearly 200 students got the opportunity to play baseball and softball as a result of PIFB's School Based Program with the Yankees. Over 96% of students improved their grades as a result of playing ball.

# The PIFB Team



**David Rhode**

Executive Director  
drhode@pifb.org

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 HJ 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  
meredithk@pifb.org

An former little leaguer and varsity softball player throughout high school, Meredith fully embraces the impact of sports on youth development. With a B.A. in English from Dickinson College, she brings her 15+ years of progressive fundraising experience and skills to diversify and grow PIFB's funding base in addition helping the organization to measure and communicate impact more effectively. Meredith also oversees partnership development, fundraising efforts, and special events.



**Steve Bizon**

Director of Operations & Programs  
steveb@pifb.org

A lifelong sports fan with dreams of having a job in the sports industry, Steve joined the PIFB team in May 2013 as an Operations intern. After graduating Summa Cum Laude from Gwynedd-Mercy University with a degree in Sport Management, Steve remained with PIFB full time. He is responsible for all equipment grant requests as well as equipment donations.

**Bri Kuhn**

Development and Communications Manager  
briannak@pifb.org

As a collegiate softball player, Sport Management major, and overall sports enthusiast, Bri brings a unique perspective to the PIFB team. In addition to playing softball during her time at Alvernia University, Bri also served as the President of Sport Management Association and received the university's Excellence in Sport Management award. Bri has played softball since age 8 and is looking forward to helping to expand PIFB's softball outreach.













