

PITCH IN BASEBALL SOFTBALL 2018 Annual Report



Board of Directors

(as of December 31, 2018)

David Rhode, CEO

Meredith P. Kim, COO

Roy Smalley, III, *Board Chairman* -Smalley-Smith Group

John Yengo, *President*

- Yengo Strategic & Consulting Services

Susan Lowe, CPA, *CFO*-Riverside Community Care

Jordan Baltimore -New York Empire Baseball

Richard Gelles, Ph.D.
-University of Pennsylvania

Michael Kopech -ESPN

Michael Markovich
-Wilson Sporting Goods Co.

Allison Parsell
-Wilson Sporting Goods Co.

Arthur Pincus

Bill Piszek

-Copernicus Society of America

Terry Smith

- Rushmore Loan Management

Dear Pitch In For Baseball & Softball Family:

This past year was an incredible year as an organization. As we enter our 14th year of positively impacting the development of young boys and girls through donations of baseball and softball equipment, 2018 marked important changes here at PIFBS.

We started the year with the launch of Pitch In For Softball (PIFS). PIFS provides similar services to the softball community that Pitch In For Baseball does for the baseball community. While our organization has always helped with the donations of softball equipment, our original name, Pitch In For Baseball, failed to communicate that mission. Pitch In For Softball, which is being guided by a group of talented women who are deeply committed to the game, is helping us to better address the needs of children, coaches, and stakeholders in the softball community.

We moved to a new space in 2018. Pitch In For Baseball & Softball had simply outgrown our prior home. We needed more warehouse space to service the growing number of groups we are helping, and we needed more places for people to work. These are good kinds of problems to have, but our bigger home means we also have a larger financial commitment to keep our every day operation running. The new space is fabulous, and we welcome anyone traveling to the Philadelphia area to reach out and make arrangements to visit and see the work we do firsthand.

Our largest single project coordinated away from our warehouse was also completed in 2018. In April of last year, four of the PIFBS staff traveled to Puerto Rico to help sort and pack 175 team kits of equipment to assist Little League programs on the island who had been impacted by Hurricane Maria. This experience epitomized our lean organization's ability to be agile and creative in making its impact.

We expanded our staff in 2018. With the ever-increasing demand for the work we do and the growth of our strategic partnerships, we simply couldn't keep up. Andy Geleff joined the team last year and we now have five full time staff working to help kids gain access to baseball and softball.

Looking ahead to 2019, we will continue to expand our impact. We have plans in place to help communities whose lives were disrupted by natural disasters. We also have new partnerships which will enable us to support the baseball and softball communities in Pittsburgh, Oakland, New York City, and other areas.

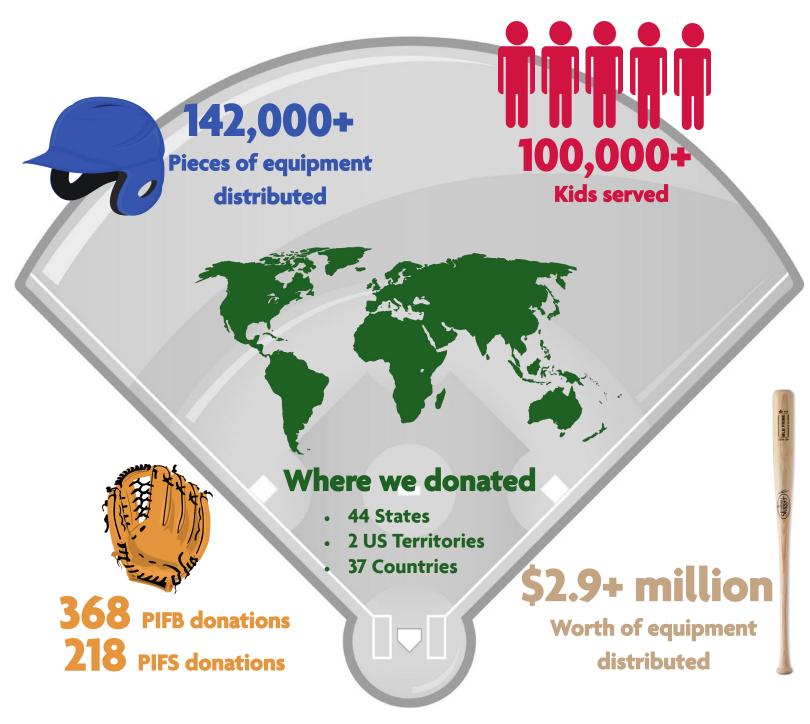
Thank you to everyone who supported Pitch In For Baseball & Softball this past year. We simply could not do the important work we do without your generosity.

Play ball!

David Rhode



CEO and Founder



What else was new at PIFBS in 2018?

New brand



New logos





New warehouse/office



1565 Gehman Rd Harleysville, PA 19438

About PIFBS

Mission

Founded in 2005, Pitch In For Baseball & Softball helps give the gift of play and contributes to youth development by providing equipment to children around the world.

Core Programs

- <u>Domestic and International Equipment Grants</u>—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. PIFBS averages 500 projects each year.
- <u>School Based Program</u>—Launched in 2008, our School Based Program helps schools/districts stretch limited budgets, reduce participation fees, and shift funds to other areas such as transportation. PIFBS is implementing School Based Programs in Philadelphia, Northern Kentucky, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and the Bronx. Some sample impact from 2018:
 - ⇒ Philadelphia: Our School Based Program started in our backyard within the Philadelphia School District. In 2018 PIFBS helped 54 teams get much needed equipment and 72% of participating students increased their attendance at school as a result of playing ball!
 - Minneapolis/St. Paul: Our partnership with the Minnesota Twins began in 2015 to bring a School Based Program to the Twin Cities. Since then we've helped thousands of kids get on the field, including over 600 in 2018. Of those 600 students, 60% of them increased their attendance as a result of playing baseball or softball this year.
- <u>Disaster Relief Programs</u>—In times of tragedy, children are the most affected. Baseball and softball can help to restore a sense of normalcy amidst the chaos. PIFBS has rebuilt entire leagues and helped thousands of kids start their season on time. PIFBS has assisted with relief efforts in NY/NJ shoreline following Hurricane Sandy; Joplin, MO; the Gulf Coast region; Japan; Houston; Puerto Rico; and more. Here is a highlight from 2018:
 - ⇒ <u>Texas:</u> After Hurricane Harvey hit the Houston area, many leagues lost all of their equipment in the storm. PIFBS teamed up with Little League and Wilson Sporting Goods to help rebuild West Oaks Little League, Memorial Ashford Little League, and Refugio Little League so that kids could get back on the field!
- <u>Kids Helping Kids: Youth Philanthropy</u>— Whether for school service learning, Bar/Bat mitzvahs, Eagle Scouts, or for fun, nearly 200 kids choose PIFBS each year as their charitable partner. About 60% of the equipment PIFBS gives away each year comes from the efforts of motivated, caring kids who run collections and fundraise on PIFBS' behalf.
- <u>Pitch In For Softball Signature Projects</u>—PIFS Signature Projects are defined as longer term projects designed to provide valuable data around impact. These projects require a three year commitment, the program must be scalable, there must be opportunities for awareness building around the projects, there must be a measurable impact, and the identified program must be able to sustain the program in terms of coaching, field usage, etc. PIFS' 2018 Signature Projects were:
 - ⇒ Wilson Sporting Goods—Chicago, IL
 - ⇒ Natasha Watley Foundation—Los Angeles, CA
 - ⇒ Little League Softball—US Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, and St. Maarten *see page 18 for more details on our Signature Projects!

The PIFBS Team



David Rhode CEO david.rhode@pifbs.org

An avid sports fan and father of three, David created Pitch In For Baseball & Softball in 2005 as a way to bring the joy of baseball to all kids. Before David founded Pitch In For Baseball & Softball, 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 COO meredith.kim@pifbsorg

A 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 PIFBS's funding base in addition to 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 steve.bizon@pifbs.org

A lifelong sports fan with dreams of having a job in the sports industry, Steve joined the PIFBS 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 PIFBS full time. He is responsible for all equipment grant requests as well as equipment donations.

Bri WilsonDevelopment and Communications Manager bri.wilson@pifbs.org

As a collegiate softball player, Sport Management major, and overall sports enthusiast, Bri brings a unique perspective to the PIFBS team. In addition to playing softball during her time at Alvernia University, Bri also served as the President of the 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 PIFBS's softball outreach.





Andy Geleff Program Manager andyg@pifbs.org

A lifelong sports fan with aspirations of developing communities through sport, Andy joined Pitch In For Baseball & Softball & Softball as a Program Manager after graduating from Temple University in 2018 with a degree in Sport and Recreation Management. Though he stopped playing baseball at a young age, it has always remained on of his favorite sports and loves helping children experience the game.

2018 Projects: United States



٨	۱.	١.	ma
Α	ıa	Da	ma

Knights Sports Empowerment Akron Birmingham AG Gaston Boys & Girls Club Huffman Youth Baseball Birmingham The Renaissance Academy Birmingham Southern League Dixie Yth Montgomery Phenix City Youth Baseball Phenix City Piedmont Parks & Recreation **Piedmont**

<u>Alaska</u>

Anchorage **RBI** Anchorage

<u>Arizona</u>

Chandler American Little League Chandler Mesa Westwood High School Parker Little League Parker Avondale Little League Phoenix Tempe Guadalupe Little League Tempe Tonopah Valley High School Tonopah Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson Tucson

Arkansas

Lonewolf Baseball/Softball Glenwood Johnson County Westside School *Hartman* Lincoln Consolidated School Dist. Lincoln Hall High School Little Rock Little Rock RBI Little Rock Parkview Arts/Science Mag. HS Little Rock Diamond State Dynasty Sherwood

<u>California</u>

Boys & Girls Club of Kern Cnty Bakersfield Parkway Little League Carmichael Coalinga Huron Youth Baseball Compton Middle School League Compton Firebaugh Summer Babe Ruth Firebaugh One Hundred Fifty Third St Gardena Live Oak Little League Live Oak Dedeaux Foundation Los Angeles Dodgers RBI Los Angeles Dodgers RBI Coach Pitch Los Angeles Dodgers RBI Jr's Los Angeles Dodgers RBI Major's Los Angeles Dodgers RBI Minor's Los Angeles Dodgers RBI Sr's Los Angeles Dodgers RBI T-Ball Los Angeles **Educational Sports Institute** Los Angeles Lions Club Special Olympics Los Angeles Los Angeles RBI Los Angeles Natasha Watley Summer Lge Los Angeles Ojai Valley Little League Ojai Pacifica High School Oxnard Port Hueneme Little League Oxnard Airport Little League Sacramento San Francisco Bay Sox San Francisco CenCal Athletics Tracy Foothill Technology High School Ventura Tigers Baseball Wasco Willits Redwood Little League Willits

<u>Colorado</u>

Aurora Central High School Byers Park & Recreation Baseball **Bvers**

Connecticut

Wakeman BGC—Bridgeport Bridgeport Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford Hartford Hartford Connecticut PAL Hartford

District of Columbia

MLB RBI Washington D.C.

<u>Florida</u>

Dunnellon Little League Dennellon Freeport Little League Athletics Freeport Polk City Baseball/Softballl Lakeland Boys & Girls Club of Collier Cnty Naples Ron Strong—Sports Club Naples Casselberry Little League Orlando City of Orlando Recreation Orlando Oak Ridge High School Orlando Palm Bay West Little League Palm Bay Play Catch Camp Port St. Lucie Youth Ranch Athletic Fund Safety Harbor West Hernando Little League Springhill Shady Hills Little League Springhill City of Palatka RBI Palatka

Georgia

Frederick Douglass High School Atlanta RBI Gresham Park Atlanta Tri Cities High School Atlanta Welcome All Park Athletic Assoc. Atlanta Benjamin E Mays High School Atlanta North Clayton High School Atlanta Butler High School Augusta T.W. Josey Augusta South Cobb High School Austell City of East Point Parks & Rec East Point Atlanta Pink Sox Fayetteville Forest Park High School Forest Park Hapeville Hornets Baseball Forest Park Jonesboro High School Ionesboro Mount Zion High School Ioneshoro Stewart County MS/HS Lumpkin L.E.A.D. Mableton Osborne High School Marietta Charles R. Drew High School Riverdale Riverdale High School Riverdale Savannah High School Savannah Gresham Park Rattlers Stockbridge <u>Hawaii</u> Lanai Pono Baseball Lanai City

<u>Idaho</u>

Ririe High School

Brooks High School

Illinois Back of Yards High School Chicago Benito Juarez Community Acad. Chicago

Chicago Cubs RBI Clemente High School Chicago Curie High School Eric Solorio High School Chicago Gage Park High School Chicago Hancock High School Chicago Hubbard High School Chicago John Hancock High School Chicago Kelly High School Chicago Kennedy High School Chicago Lincoln Park High School Chicago Lindblom High School Chicago Chicago Michele Clark Chicago Northside Prep High School Roosevelt High School Chicago Senn High School Chicago Simeon High School Chicago Von Steuben High School Chicago Walter Payton College Prep HS Chicago Washington High School Chicago Thornridge High School Dolton Flossmoor Baseball/Softball Inc Floosmoor Phoenix Harvey Dixmoor LL Phoenix

Indiana

Albion Junior Baseball Albion Mattingly RBI Evansville North Youth Baseball/Softball Evansville George Washington School Indianapolis Howe High School Indianapolis Indianapolis Stroh Youth League LaGrange Kimmell Baseball & Softball Inc Ligonier Artesian Little League Martinsville North Harrison Youth Softball Palmvra Shelby County Babe Ruth Shelbyville

Iowa

One Eighty Baseball Davenport Glenwood Baseball Glenwood Mitchellville Baseball Mitchelville

Kansas

Lyons High School Lyons Marais des Cygnes Valley School Melvern Wellington Recreation Wellington

<u>Kentucky</u>

Idaho Falls

Chicago

Bellevue High School Bellevue Holmes High School Covington Holy Cross High School Covington Dayton High School Dayton Dry Ridge Grant County High School Dixie High School Edgewood Boone County High School Florence Leslie County Little League Hoskinston Crosstown Baseball Independence Ludlow High School Ludlow Clay County High School Manchester Newport High School Newport

Chicago Pulaski County Little League Somerset Scott High School Taylor Mill Chicago Louisiana Helen Cox High School Harvey Northwood High School Lena Borgnemouth Braves Meraux Maine Madison Elementary MSAD Madison

Maryland

UA House at Fayette Baltimore Railroaders Little League Brunswick

Massachusetts

Hallowell-Farmingdale LL **Farmingdale** East Lynn Little League Lynn

Michigan

Alma Alma PAL Clawson Youth Baseball League Clawson Healthy Kidz Inc. Detroit Coach's Kids RBI Farmington Hills Avengers Youth Mentoring Org Royal Oak Tawas Area Little League Tawas City Ypsilanti National Little League Westland

Minnesota

Minneapolis Cristo Rey Jesuit Minn. Edison High School Minneapolis Minn. N. Community HS Minneapolis Minn. N. High School Minneapolis Minn. Patrick Henry Minneapolis Minn. Adapted Athletics Minneapolis Minn. Roosevelt High School Minneapolis Minn. Southwest Minneapolis Minn. Washburn High School Minneapolis Patrick Henry HS Minneapolis South High School Minneapolis Southwest High School Minneapolis Minneapolis Sigel Athletic Association New Ulm American Indian Magnet School New Ulm Battle Creek Middle School St. Paul Farnsworth Aerospace 5-8 St. Paul Harding Senior High School St. Paul Hazel Park Prep Academy St. Paul Humboldt Senior High School St. Paul St. Paul Linwood Monroe Arts Plus

Mississippi

St. Paul Central

Parkway Middle School

St. Paul Johnson High School

Tunica County Recreation Robinsonville Stonewall Baseball/Softball Stonewall

Washington Tech. Magnet School St. Paul

St. Paul

St. Paul

St Paul

Missouri

Junior Eagles Baseball Club Fordland DeSales Community Develop St. Louis North Tech. High School St. Louis

2018 Projects: United States



Missouri (cont)	
City of Salem Parks & Rec	Salem
<u>Nevada</u>	
Fernley Youth Softball	Fernley
Bolden Little League	Las Vegas
Spring Valley High School	Las Vegas
Carson Valley Fastpitch	Minden
New Jersey	
Gloucester City LL	Gloucester City

Commercial Twshp Assoc. Haleyville Explore 2000 Softball Jersey City Lindenwold High School Lindenwold Blazin Youth Academy Inc Newark

New Mexico

Estancia Valley Little League Moriarty

New York Academy for Language & Tech Bronx Alfred E Smith Campus **Bronx** Archimedes/Maleska Campus **Bronx** Arturo A Schomburg Satellite Acad. **Bronx** Bronx Little League **Bronx** Bronx United Softball **Bronx** Caribe Little League **Bronx** Castle Hill Little League **Bronx** Evander Childs Campus **Bronx** Harry Truman Baseball Bronx Holcombe L Rucker Campus **Bronx** International Community **Bronx** John F Kennedy Campus Bronx Kipp NYC College Prep **Bronx** Mott Haven Bronx Neighborhood Kids **Bronx** Roosevelt Educational Campus Bronx South Bronx Preparatory **Bronx** University Heights Bedstuy Sluggers Baseball League *Brooklyn* Brooklyn Little League Brooklyn Granville Little League Granville Uniondale All Stars LL Hempstead Manhattan Little League Manhattan Mount Vernon Dept of Rec Mount Vernon Parishville Area Recreation Club Parishville Mets Foundation Queens Oueens Little League Oueens DREAM RBI Queens Village Queens Village Salamanca Little League Salamanca

North Carolina

Staten Island Little League

Fayetteville Lake Rim Pirates Chase Little League Forest City Raleigh Police Baseball League Garner Salvation Army BGC Greensboro Little Bud Thorbs RBI Kinston Rochelle Middle School Kinston

Staten Island

Wake Forest BGC Raleigh West Lincoln Optimist Club Vale Town Creek Dixie Youth Inc Winnabow

Canton Local Schools Softball Canton Euclid Boy's League **Euclid** Trivillage Summer Rec Greenville Leavittsburg Labrae High School Madison Softball Association Madison Manchester High School Manchester Dayton Rec & Youth Services Mezzanine Middletown High School Middletown Navarre Association Navarre Elm Grove Youth League Baseball Piketon Manchester Youth Baseball Stout Champaign Family YMCA Urbana

<u>Oklahoma</u>

Coyle Thunder Little League Coyle Putnam City West HS Oklahoma City Next Level Skiatook Tecumseh Reapers Tecumseh

Oregon

First Time Player Baseball Merrill Molalla High School Molalla

<u>Pennsylvania</u>

East Side Memorial LL Allentown Louis E Dieruff Allentown Saint Wendelin Catholic School Butler R&R Mejia Philadelphia Philadelphia . Abraham Lincoln HS Antonia Pantoja Charter Philadelphia Austin Meehan Middle School Philadelphia Bodine HS for Int. Affairs Philadelphia Boys Latin of Philadelphia Philadelphia Central High School Philadelphia Coach Blues Ballas Philadelphia D. Newlin Fell Elementary Philadelphia Esperanca Academy Charter Philadelphia Eugenio Maria DeHostos Chrt. Philadelphia First Philadelphia Prep Charter Philadelphia Feltonville School Arts&Sci. Philadelphia Frankford High School Philadelphia Franklin Towne Charter HS Philadelphia Freire Charter School Philadelphia Philadelphia . George Washington HS Philadelphia Gilbert Spruance Elementary Philadelphia Philadelphia Hill-Freedman World Acad. Hopkinson Elementary School Philadelphia Horace Howard-Furness HS Philadelphia John B Stetson Charter School Philadelphia Juniata Park Academy Philadelphia Philadelphia Kensington HS Lawncrest Lions Philadelphia

Lindley Academy Charter

Martin Luther King HS

Maternity BVM Philadelphia McCall School Philadelphia Murrell Dobbins CTE HS Philadelphia Northeast HS Philadelphia Olney Charter High School Philadelphia Overbrook High School Philadelphia Penn Treaty High School Philadelphia Philadelphia Zombies 8U Philadelphia Randolph Career & Tech HS Philadelphia Roberto Clemente MS Philadelphia Roxborough High School Philadelphia Samuel Fels High School Philadelphia Sankofa Freedom Academy Philadelphia South Philadelphia HS Philadelphia Southwest Phillies RBI Philadelphia String Theory Charter School Philadelphia Tacony Academy Charter Philadelphia Tech Freire Charter School Philadelphia Thomas K Finletter Elem. Philadelphia Woodstock Civic Association Philadelphia Reading Olivet Boys & Girls Club Mighty Cubs Baseball Sharon Corry Little League Spartansburg Steelton Highspire HS Steelton Steelton Midget Baseball Assoc. Steelton St John Neumann Acad. HS Williamsport York Little League

Puerto Rico

Roberto Clemente League Canovanas Puerto Rico RBI Aguadilla Aguadilla Puerto Rico RBI Carolina Carolina MLB RBI Puerto Rico San Juan Puerto Rico LL (Project #1) San Juan Puerto Rico LL (Project #2) San Juan Puerto Rico LL Ir's San Juan Puerto Rico LL Majors San Juan Puerto Rico LL Minors San Juan Puerto Rico LL Sr's (Project #1) San Juan Puerto Rico LL Sr's (Project #2) San Juan Puerto Rico LL Tball San Juan **RBI** Vieques Viegues

Rhode Island

Providence Babe Ruth Lg. N. Providence Darlington American LL Pawtucket

South Carolina

Florence Florence STARS Marlins Baseball Kinards South Dakota

Boys & Girls Club of Rosebud <u>Tennessee</u>

Philadelphia

Philadelphia

David Crockett High School Jonesborough Lafayette Little League Lafayette Hamilton High School Memphis Oakhaven High School Memphis Raleigh-Egypt High School Memphis

Nashville RBI Nashville Donelson Rotary Park Old Hickory Nashville RBI Smyrna Tullahoma Little League **Tullahoma**

Arlington Twins Baseball Club Inc Arlington Brownsville West Baseball Brownsville El Paso Border Youth Athletics El Paso Swing4Christ Fort Worth Astros RBI Houston Colts Baseball Houston Dixie Little League Houston Energized for STEM Academy Inc Houston Memorial Ashford Little League Houston Yes Prep Public Schools Houston West Oaks Little League Katy Laredo Tigers Laredo Refugio Little League Refugio Sabinal Little League Sabinal

<u>Utah</u>

Central Utah Athletics Mona East Carbon Recreation Assoc. Sunnyside

Vermont

Bradford Connecticut River Academy Lyndon Yth Baseball/Softball Lyndonville

Virgin Islands

Elmo Plaskett Lg/St. Croix LL Christiansted USVI District—St. Thomas LL St. Thomas

<u>Virginia</u>

Aberdeen Youth League Hampton BGC of Virginia Peninsula Newport News Armstrong High School Richmond

Washington

KWRL Centerfield Cannons **Amboy** Quincy High School East Wenatchee Upper Valley Little League Yakima

West Virginia

Weirton Association Weirton

Wisconsin

Mission

Hayward Girls Youth Softball Hayward Beckum Stapleton LL Milwaukee Journey House Little League Milwaukee Milwaukee RBI Program Milwaukee Ronald Reagan HS Milwaukee Boys & Girls-Portage County Stevens Point

2018 Projects: International



	RuJohn Foundation Baseball Jamaica	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Baseball 4 Africa Kenya	
	Malta Softball Association Malta	
Challengers Baseball/Softball Association Benin	Club Deportivo Bahía Matanchén Baseball <i>Mexico</i>	
British Virgin Islands LL British Virgin Islands	Gloves Go Far Nicaragua	
Fédération burkinabè de béisbol Burkina Faso	Nicaragua Softball Nicaragua	
GODISA Baseball/Softball Cameroon	Ekiti Kete Little League Nigeria	
Jays Care Foundation RBI Softball Canada	Owena Baseball Nigeria	
Toronto Girls Baseball Canada	Baseball Tomorrow Academy Nigeria	
Potros MBC Colombia	Baseline Softball Foundation Nigeria	
Fellowship of Christian Athletes Colombia	Pakistan Federation Baseball Pakistan	
Club Tigres Arenal Forjadores Sueños Colombia	Club Deportivo de Béisbol y Softbol <i>Peru</i>	
Club de Béisbol menor Traviesos Colombia	Arequipa Baseball League Peru	
Escuela de béisbol Dinastia Moreno Colombia	Bagumbayan Central School Philippines	
Fundación Pelota Caliente Colombia	1 United Philippine Baseball/Softball <i>Philippines</i>	
Fundación Standex Bésibol Colombia	Polish National Youth Foundation Poland	
Roberth Jose Angulo Santos Béisbol Colombia	Warsaw Dragons Club Baseball Poland	
Club De Béisbol Los Inquietos Colombia	Russian Baseball Foundation Russia	
Curacao RBI Curacao	Amy Fndn/Battswood Baseball Club South Africa	
Ivan Cuello Softball Academy <i>Dominican Republic</i>	Tigers Baseball Club South Africa	
Fund. Samaritana Funsamana Dominican Republic	Melvin Mora Foundation Spain	
	St. Maarten Little League St. Maarten	
Liga Deportiva Estrella Infantil <i>Dominican Republic</i>	Health & Wellness in Africa (HAWA) Tanzania	
Dominican Republic Baseball Dominican Republic	Turkish Baseball/Softball Federation Turkey	
Mets Baseball Academy Dominican Republic	Uganda Baseball/Softball Coaches Body Uganda	
Club Deportivo Oriente Ecuador	Uganda Baseball/Softball Uganda Uganda	
	Buchach Lyceum Baseball <i>Ukraine</i>	
Guyana Baseball League Guyana	PONY Ukraine Softball Ukraine	
	Poltava Wild Hogs Baseball Ukraine	
Organizacion de Béisbol Gigantes Honduras	Peace Corps Rivne Softball Ukraine	
Israel Association of Baseball Israel	Sumy Little League Ukraine	
The Israel National Baseball League Israel	Fellowship of Christian Athletes Venezuela	
	South Wales Youth Baseball Wales	

"Thank you so much for your generous equipment donation! The children in Jamaica were utterly grateful for the experience to learn a new sport and have fun playing baseball. They typically don't have access to top of the line sports equipment, so it was extra special that they were able to play baseball with proper equipment. We hope to be able to collaborate with PIFB each year to spread the love of baseball and utilize the game as a way to break global barriers. THANK YOU!"

How Your Donation Makes a Difference



When Jaydah first got to high school, she struggled with the difficulty of classes and as a result would often sleep in class and was disrespectful to teachers. When she first came out for the softball team, these behavior issues came with her. However, her coaches encouraged her and she realized she had to change to play on the team. This year, as a senior, Jaydah was one of two returning players to the softball team and she credits playing softball for encouraging her to improve in school and help her maintain a passing GPA. Jaydah and her team received equipment thanks to the generosity of St. Elizabeth's Health Care and the Reds Community Fund



Michaela, Nice, and Alyka were not interested in softball during their first year of high school. When they heard the team needed additional players, they decided to tryout and made the team! They bring a positive attitude to the field each day and the game taught them discipline. All of the girls focus on their studies, resulting in increased attendance and grades at school. They lead the team in character development and punctuality in practice.



Over the past several years, the Kimmell Baseball/Softball league has only had the budget for one softball team. In 2018, they had an overwhelming interest in the softball program with 23 girls coming out for the team, including Madisynn. Because of the donation from PIFS, Kimmell Softball was able to shift funds around allowing them to purchase what they needed to form an additional team. Madisynn, along with a handful of other girls, got to play softball for the first time and their coaches say they are all loving the game.



After immigrating to Philadelphia from the Dominican Republic, Christopher, Yanelis, and Kevin found that even though they didn't speak the same language, what they had in common with their new peers was their love of baseball. The donation from PIFB enabled all of the boys to have the gear they needed to play ball. Their experience playing on the team has helped them learn English and feel connected to the team and feel a sense of community.



At the beginning of the season, Glenmore had never picked up a baseball before. He joined the RuJohn Foundation in 2018 to try it out and have fun. Glenmore picked up the sport very quickly, becoming a standout shortstop and even earning the title of MVP at one of the clinics that the RuJohn Foundation hosts each year. Being able to learn the game with the proper equipment made a lasting impact on all of the children as it is hard to come by in Jamaica.

2018 Financial Donors

Legends (\$50,000+)

Andreas Foundation

Hansen Foundation

Little League Baseball International

Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation

Major League Baseball

Minnesota Twins Community Fund

New York Mets Foundation/New York Mets

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

New York Yankees

Rushmore Loan Management

Tull Family Foundation

Wilson Sporting Goods

Triple Crowns (\$10,000-\$24,999)

Rebecca & John Allen

Astros Foundation

Auction com

Baseball Tomorrow Fund

Brewers Community Foundation, Inc.

Cincinnati Reds Community Fund

Copernicus Society of America

Hannah Graham Memorial Tournament

Shannon & Terry Smith

SPEAR Physical Therapy

MVPs (\$5,000-\$9,999)

Norman Bjornnes

Black Knight InfoServ LLC

Kim Classen

Brad Korman

Mortgage Connect

Perkinscoie Trust Company

Thomas Podmajersky

Roy & Christine Smalley

SWBC Foundation

John Yengo

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

Baltimore City Foundation

Jordan & Jaclyn Baltimore

Paula Bennett Davis Bucco

Dave Davis

Risa Dorsky Instinet

Alan Jaffa

Matsui 55 Baseball Foundation

Michael & Jamie Kopech

Leaffer Family Charitable Fund

Michael Markovich

Matsui 55 Baseball Foundation, Inc.

Bruce & Nancy Newberg Fund

James Nuzzi

Arthur & Ellen Pincus

Bill & Beth Piszek

Steven & Tari Sherry

Bradley Smith

John & Lisa Solberg Charitable Fund

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

Marie Grace Alban

Argyros Family Foundation

Debbie August

Tiffany Benway

Brand Content Company

Steve Brehm Denise & Rich Brereton

Albert Ciardi

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

Jody Clovis

Craig-Hallum Capital Group LLC

Steven Dalberth

Sabin Danzinger

Ed Delgado

Blane Dexheimer

Mike Digiancinto

Paul Domb

Electronic Security Solutions, LLC

Fairmount Engine Co No 2

Heidi Farinas

Ronald Fisher

John Floegel

Richard & Judy Gelles

Jay Goldman

Hancock Fire Company

Karen Hartigan

George Howell

Independent Contract Flooring

Iowa Motor Truck Association

Matthew Kahny

Lisa Kelly

George & Sharon Kennedy

Gerald Kilhefner

Knuckles, Komosinki & Manfro, LLP

Kopech-Frabrizio 2002 Trust

Lamando Family Foundation

Debra Lemar

Michael J & Patricia Levitt Family Charitable Fndtn.

Cathy McIndoo

Ken Mercer

Norristown Fireman's Relief Association

Elyse Park

Lucille Pennisi

Susan J Pettem

Edward J Piszek Jr David & Helaine Rhode

Gregory Rounds

Rozenbaum Charitable Fund

Dana & Lance Schiff

Matthew Schiff

Seidman Family Foundation

Warren Sheinwald

Samuel Siegal

Lynn Skillen

Scott Snyder Solana Beach Little League

Susan Sorenson & Richard Berk

Spears & Imes LLP

Striar Family

Terra Technical Services LLC

Kimberly Vogel

Walt Disney Company Foundation

Michelle Wilkes

Barbara Zax

Rookies (\$250-\$499)

Walter Armand

Jason Bailey

Randy Barkowitz

Sarah Batangan Mark Bezos

Kevin Calhoun

Abdul Jabbar Chandrey

Doojin Chung

Charles Clarkson

Connolly Family Fund Raymond Corio

Corrado Construction

Rookies cont...(\$250-\$499)

Christopher Dolce

Robert Doran

Doug Drotman

Barry Ellen

Sylvia Goodman

Lawrence Harte

Deborah Hodin

Robert Lehrburger

Susan Lowe, CPA & Robert Lowe

Jane Lowerre

Stephanie & Kenneth Marder

Miller Flooring Company

Marylyn Miller

David Neft

Cody Newman

Therese O'Connor

Bernie Paul

Jeffrey Pearlberg

Hunter Rabalais

Ross Regard

Joey Sowada

Peter Vogel

Ethan Wiley

Steve F Willicombe

Stephen Zaytoun

Zoglio Management Marc Zwerdling

PIFBS 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.

DJB Specialties, Inc.

Edward Fay

Roget Felberbaum

Suguna Fowler

Carla Iones

KC Construction

James Lee

Triston Lemoine

Frederick Magee

Jeffrey Michael

Ryan Noone

Philadelphia Phillies

Brett Rhode

Leah Santiago Holly Shuter

Amy Small Christopher Soska

Michelle Stouber

Tube Methods UES - Universal Electrical Service

Bruce Upbin

Jodi Watts

Joel M Zaklin

2018 Financial Donors

Designated Hitters(\$100-\$249)

James Aaron Nicole Aasen Joseph Abriola Christina Accordino

Liat Altman D. Ross Arthurs Kenneth Asher Robert Ayers John Baek Elisa Bailis Matthew Barcus

Bello, Reilley, McGrory, & Dippo, P.C.

Judge Ben

Kathleen Beveridge Andrew M Bingham

Dan Boney Philip Bonomo Amy Bosher Nancy Boughey Tami Bowling Elaine Bridge Marni Brown Kathy Burns Wendy Byerley

C&D Waterproofing Corp

Caddick Utilities Alison Carpenter Brenda Caruso Susan Casdin Andrew Castelluccio

Centre Square Fire Company

Peter Christopoulos Scott & Jill Ciccone

Clarke's Landscaping & Lawn Care

Donavon Cloninger Joanne Clovis Ram Cnaan Richard Cobb Michael Collette Travis Colopy Patrick Combs Joel Conybear

Joan Cordes **Robert Cordes** Gregory D'Adamo Dave Dannov Param Dasana Jessica Davis Thomas Davis

Blane Cordes

Triscia Davis-Williamson

Amy Delp Hallie Dennis Michelle Deutsch Joanna Dorfman Susan Dorval Jane Dugan Masha Dugan Jeffrey Dunn Eisner Amper LLP Lori & David Esterman Falasca Mechanical Inc

Robert Fanelle Joan & Mark Feldman Nancy Fernandez Anne & Grace Fitch Amy Fleck

Jessica Floody Aimee Florin Angel Luis Franqui John & Marty Frantz

Henry Frey Tomm Friend Sherry Frost Abhishek Gami Judy Garofalo Reggie Gatewood Michele Glassberg Scott & Iulia Goheen

Monica Gold Brooke Goldin David Goldstein Ivan Goodman Kathy Gordon Jeff Gottesman Marisa Graziano Paul Graziano Allyson Greene Jo-Linda Greene Gloria Gribin Timothy Griffin Aaron Grundstein Rosa Guillen George Guzdek Mark Haber Aaron Hallberg Joyce Hamrock Dave Hanas Femida Handy Marc Hellman Paula Henderson Jamison Henn

Lynda Hensing Elizabeth Herz Catherine Higgins Thomas Hill Prem Hira Jerome W Hogan Hayden Holt David M Homzik Dori Howell Pamela Huff Patricia Hughes Peyton Hurbis Eileen Hutchinson Saka Ibraheem Marc Idelson

IMT Insurance Company James Petersen Built Homes LLC

Sonny Jandial Kathleen Janowitz

Jewish Community Foundation

Mary Jones Judge Ben Donna M Juenker Rebecca Kahn Gary Kaplan Irene Kaufman Kim Kaufman Philip Kaufman Robert Kessner

Keystone Laboratories, Inc.

Ann Kibler

Scott & Debbie King Kirkland & Ellis LLP Michael Kitz Adrienne Klein Wendy Kleper Nichole Klingerman Jose Kofman

Carl Kozlevcar Melanie Kraut Alexandra Kulesha Carol & Steven Kuntz Ioshua Kuntz Steven Lambert Linda & Mike Lebec Karen Lefkowitz Doug Leland Jared Levin Heath Levine Jon Hevine Kathryn Levy Steve Liff Daniel Litt Kathleen Long Jameson Lover David Malinsky Jessica Marks Elliot Marsh Carrie Mayer Anthony Mazzuca

McCarthy Masonry & Concrete

Linda McCausland William McCausland Beth McClinton Robert McGee Fred McKie Jen McMenamin Dave Mensching

Alan & Rosemary Merritt Michalee Merritt Lawrence Metzger

Karen Mills Barry Mitsch Perry Molinoff

Diane & James Montefusco

Freddy Moore Steve Morgan Quintin Mortensen Elizabeth Nagy Hinda Nash Sylvia Newark Óliver Newman Jen Nusbaum Cory Oberlander Madden Ocko

William & Mary O'Donnell

Tom Olive Edward Opall Helen Paruolo The Pathway School Clara Ellen Perry Michele Petriello Ashlev & Andrew Piszek Nick Polo

John Porell Max Povse Dana Quales Leigh & Anne Randall Robert Randolph Lawrence Real Donald E Reisinger, Inc.

Renew Design Group Dana Rich Caterina Roman

Lauren Rose Jay Rosenstein

Bari Roth

Renee Roth

Georgina Rothenberg Jeff & Julie Rotter Sarah & Jerry Sackett Amanda Salem Trey Sandlin Rich Sauerhaft Donald & Suzanna Andrew Schiff Ashley Schrager Debra & Gerald Schrass Lorraine Serva

Joseph Shkolnik Amy Shriber Marisa Shuter Tyler Shuter Joel Siegal Nancy Silver Shannon Simmons Steve Simmons Norton Small Dorian Smith Phillip Smith Suzanne Soled Tommie Smith Lee Sperling Douglas Spiegel

Norman Spieler Denise Staley John Starck Brooke Stein Kevin Stern Mark Sternat Steven Stouber Donna Stovall Scott Striegel Catherine Stuart Kerry Stubbs Gary Susdorf Amy Swanson Marvin Talansky

Mary & Terry Thomsen Tom Thorpe Cathy Torres Rivera Cynthia Van Doren Allison Wawer-Chubb Justin Webb Tara Whitehurst

William E Howe & Company

Susan Wiser Kirsti Wolfe Tracy Wolniewicz Amy Stein Wood Whitney Woods Yoos Agency Debra Zielinski Edward Zinman

*We apologize for any errors or omissions

2018 Equipment Donors

Logan Abadee

Abington Friends School Logan Abramowitz Alexandria Little League Scott & Stacey Allen

Dan Altman
Conner Anderson
Marian Anderson
Vincent Arcadia
Nicholas Arcaro

ATP AZ Emily Auchard Andrew Baker Pamela Barroway

Basking Ridge Baseball Club

Better Baseball
Ryan Bayoumy
Peter Beer
Bob Bentz
John Berardi
Tristan Blum
Brian Brach

Ryan & Stephanie Brecker

Nate Brenner Garrett Breslin

Mindy & Rob Brokenshire Broomall-Newtown Baseball

Jacob Buckwald

Vincenzo & Frankie Buffolino

Cristin Burris

CA District 8 Little League

Ben Callanan Canes 11U Hood Michael Capiraso Jerry Careghini Justin Carr Ronald Causby

Cedar Ridge High School

Central Perkiomen Youth Association.

Dakota & Oliver Chung-Greco

Dakota & Oliver Chun Austin Clark Cooper Clark Jeffrey Clark Close Out Bats Sue Coffin Jonah Cohen Noam Cohen Merole Concordia Bryan Connor Leah Curtiss Emily Cutler Silas Damm Joe Deery Anthony Delucia Stephen Dennis

Deb Depolo
Dick's Sporting Goods
Susan Digesu
Ross Dimaggio
Dixie Little League
Thomas Doppel
Sam Dorfman
Drew Dorval

Drexel Hill Little League

Trevor Duran

Easton Sporting Goods Ecommerce Department

Art Ehlo

Falls Church Kiwanis Little League

Brian Farley
Danielle Fern
Ethan & Jake Fifer
Jayne Finegan
Jack Flaherty
Isaac Fleischer
David Fox

David Fralello-Hakim

Mark Frank
Parker Freeman
Theza Friedman
Patrick Gallagher
Tate Gambill
Ethan Gavin
Alex Gibbon
Mary Gillen

Gloves For Good Inc Theo Goldman Michaela Goncalves William Gordon Roberta Goren Nolan Gorman

Greenfield Township Baseball

Jean Grevers Tiffany Grimes Trent Grindlinger Groveland Elementary

Hugo Guzman Joe Haskell Russ Henderson Skylar Hengeveld Hillcrest Knights Baseball Hilltop Little League Carter, Logan & Land Hinds Holland Little League

Jerry Hrabal Stephen Hussey Jessica Hutcheson Scott Huteson Carter Jagiela Caroline Joachim Daniel Joffe Andrew Jones Erica Judge Tyler Kass Jason Keeline Melissa Kehoe Peter Kilborn Michelle King Jordan Kraut Russell Kriegal Brett & Caiden Kovel Roman Kuhn

Ladera Ranch Little League Johanne Lamanche Cindy Lamberg Collin Lee Marty Lenz Andrew Lerner Ben Lerner

Mike Lacava

LL Baseball—Southwest Region LL Baseball—Western Region

Michael Lombardi Chris Lowery David Lyon Eau MacMillin Kathleen Macy Heather Magdall Tom Martin Daniel Masciopinto Will Matteson Brad May James McCann

Medina Youth Baseball Association

Noah Metz Michael F Miaqeu Angelina Militello Elijah Miller Mitzvah Circle Tyler Moldovan Kf Montgomery Jack Mooney Cassius Morris Morrisville Little League

Jim Mulgrew Mullholland Anthony Murray Katie Murray Daryl Najarian

New York Empire Baseball

Laurie O'Donnell Patrick O'Shea

Otes

Penfield Little League

Pennsbury High School Baseball

Tyler Petrovich Weston Petty Philadelphia Phillies Plymouth Little League Robert Poindexter Susan Portelli

Portsmouth Little League

Sam Posner
Samantha Ramos
Ben Raphael
Jim Rataczak
Susan Rebadow
Julia & James Rhee
Emily Rivers
Rochester Lady Lions
Kathy Rodman

Saint Maria Goretti CYO

Ben Schild Kevin Schmidt Andy Schur Robert Score James Seyboldt Justin Shah Jake Shcharber William Shepard Dana Siegel SKF USA, Inc. David Smith Rvan Smith Alex Span Jack Stankey Dylan Stein Jeffrey Stepansky

Brain Stewart
Douglas Stewart
Emily Strez
Aidan Sullivan
Paul & Eileen Sullivan
Mitchell Switix

Ben Tell

Tetrapolitan Kiwanis Club

The Pitch Pad Alek Thomas Wes Thrailhill

Tinton Falls Little League

Carter Toppel Triple Crown Sports Jon Twersky Under Armour

Universal Studios/NBC Universal

Upper Darby Little League USA Baseball

Philip Veas

Virginia District 7 Little League

Sonia Vittori Greg Weikel Dylan Weinbaum

West Los Angeles Little League Westchester Little League Western Kentucky University

Al White

Whiz Kids Baseball Brendan Wienold Simon Williams Wilson Sporting Goods

Alexandra Wunderlich

Michael Yama John Yengo Geoffrey Young Daulton Zeaman

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
- BBCOR bats/USA Standard bats
- Catcher's equipment
- Softball equipment

2018 Equipment Donors

"I can't believe how generous the program was. We got TONS of balls, high-quality batting helmets, gloves, batting gloves, left-handed gloves(!), bats, and more! Our district doesn't give an equipment budget to schools, so this was a hugely important donation. Thank you!"

-Ellen Toivola, Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Baseball









Pictured top left: This donation from Close Out Bats included much needed baseballs, wood bats, wrist bands, bat weights, and sliding shorts.

Pictured bottom left: In 2018 Easton donated 46 boxes of equipment to PIFBS including catcher's gear, catcher's mitts, equipment bags, and helmets!

Pictured top right: This year PIFBS was able to start including the in kind product that Under Armour donated on a massive truckload in 2017. This product included cleats, pants, sliding shorts, and shirts.

Pictured right bottom: Throughout the year, Wilson sends PIFBS many donations of in kind product. In 2018 we received lots of gloves, bats, and softball gear!

In Memoriam

Though we wish it were on better terms, each year we are the fortunate recipients of donations made in memory of loved ones by families who wish to have their legacy honored because of their love of baseball and softball.

Paul Ashley
Michael Baker
Dottie Bass
Kenneth Bohnsack
Robert Charleston
Charles Christmas
Ryan Cooper
Dave Davis—PIFBS Board Member
Donald Davis
David Finnigan, III
Millie Gladstone
John Hagemann

Alex Hanan Roy Hensley John R. Jones, Jr. Patrick Kelly Bruce Kison Tracy Lemar Fred Levesh Mark Liska Hank Matsubu Don McCausland Wallace McGough Max Oscar Jack Page
Bonita Patterson
Mark Sander
Constance Sakaris
Thomas Sorgio
Benjamin Villanueva
Nicholas Vertalino
David Wheat
Hubert Whittington
Gil



Dave joined the Pitch In For Baseball & Softball Board in 2011 and immediately left his mark. As a founding partner of Davis, Bucco & Ardizzi a construction law firm in Conshohocken, PA, Dave had an ability to delve deeper and challenge everyone to be and do better. He was a quiet leader who led by example as well as contribution. His thoughts were always well-thought out, rational, and respectful of others. He brought exemplary professionalism to our board and entire organization. His passion for baseball, background in nonprofit fundraising, and commitment to quality were vital to helping the organization grow from a \$300,000 budget to \$1 million. He was an incredible human and we will miss him immensely.

Partner Highlights

Strategic Partners

Pitch In For Baseball & Softball is proud to work with these industry leaders who have enabled us to expand our programming and help more children around the world. These partners are instrumental in allowing us to grow our impact by making generous financial contributions, large donations of in-kind product, and connecting us to groups in need of assistance.































































The largest project in the history of PIFBS occurred in 2018 in the form of a disaster relief project in Puerto Rico. PIFBS staff and a team of volunteers packed up 175 baseball and softball team kits to distribute across the island. Each Little League was presented with enough pants and arm sleeves for each child. Thanks to our partners: Little League, Wilson, Easton, Franklin, Dick's Sporting Goods, Under Armour, and Deportes Salvador Colom for making it possible!





In December 2018, Miami Marlins minor leaguer Anfernee Seymour and two-time Olympian Natasha Watley teamed up to bring a baseball and softball clinic to children in the Bahamas. With both athletes having strong family ties to the Bahamas, this project was very important and personal for Anfernee and Natasha. The clinic brought about 100 children out to learn the basics of baseball and softball for the day with over 200 pieces of equipment!





Thanks to the generous support by the Rod Dedeaux Foundation and DART Warehousing, PIFBS is able to have warehouse space in Los Angeles. This west coast location enable PIFBS to better connect and serve our donors and allows us additional space to store equipment. In addition to underwriting the warehouse space, Dedeaux folds PIFBS into the Golden Spikes awards and refers groups in CA who are in need of equipment to us.





The Zembo Team, a member of Beckum Stapleton Little League, was generously supported by the Milwaukee Brewers this year with brand new gear in the inaugural year of a partnership with PIFBS. The Zembo team went on to win the Beckum Stapleton Little League championship for the first time in seven years. Coach Robert Stokes said, "without the donation, we would not have had the bats with the new USA Baseball stamp due to cost."



Partner Highlights





Pitch In For Baseball & Softball serves as Major League Baseball's exclusive equipment partner to help their RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) program grow and increase participation across the United States. In 2018, Pitch In For Baseball & Softball helped MLB get equipment to 225 RBI teams in 51 cities across the country which gave over 3,700 kids all over the United States a chance to play ball





Wilson's Get a Glove, Give a Glove campaign gives customers a chance to shop and support PIFBS. This program provides one glove to a child in need for each Glove of the Month purchased, providing 6,000 gloves to date. In 2018, Wilson and PIFS partnered to help 20 Chicago high school softball teams get on the field as one of PIFS' Signature Projects! Over 500 girls benefitted from the donation and 71% of students improved their grades as a result of playing ball!





In 2018 the Yankees and PIFBS completed the third year of School Based Program helping over 400 kids get on the field. The Yankees also generously donated a Suite to PIFBS at a regular season game! PIFBS utilized the Suite at the late August game vs. the Chicago White Sox as a fundraising night inviting donors and supporters to share in a fun filled evening. The event in totality raised over \$13,000 to support PIFBS!





Puerto Rico was devastated by Hurricane Maria in the fall of 2017. Because of how deeply woven the games of baseball and softball are into the fabric of Puerto Rican culture, it was important to PIFBS to help as many kids get back on the field as quickly as possible. Thanks to generous funding from NorthMarq Capital, the 12 Little League softball teams ages 15-18 on the island received brand new gear!





In April 2018, PIFBS teamed up with MLB legend Hideki Matsui and his Foundation, Matsui 55 Baseball Foundation. The project helped two leagues in the New York area get the gear they needed to play ball. Mt. Vernon Department of Recreation received baseball and softball equipment and Bedstuy Sluggers received baseball equipment. In total, over \$5,000 worth of equipment was donated to help nearly 400 kids get on the field.





In 2018 PIFBS kicked off the first year of a partnership with the New York Mets and the Mets Foundation! This partnership provided 50 baseball and softball teams in the local area brand new gear for their season! Later in the year, the Mets worked with PIFBS to deliver 50 team kits in the Dominican Republic. The Mets hosted a distribution event at their academy in Boca Chica to pass out the brand new gear that will help hundreds of kids play ball!

Donor Highlights



Evan Raises \$15,000 to Support Local New York League

Part of the Jewish tradition of the Bar and Bat mitzvah is the completion of a mitzvah project, when a young person gives back to his/her community in a meaningful way. Of the nearly 200 kids who complete equipment collection projects on behalf of PIFBS each year, approximately 50% are mitzvah projects. When Evan and his family reached out to us, they knew they wanted to do something even bigger than the typical mitzvah project with ambitious goals to raise enough money to support an entire league. Evan knocked his goal out of the park raising about \$15,000 to support the City of Mount Vernon Department of Recreation's baseball and softball teams! In total, the donation helped 23 teams and nearly 350 kids get brand new equipment to take the field in the fall! Mt. Vernon hosted a distribution date and Evan's family coordinated a scrimmage for the day between Mt. Vernon and Evan's team. Thank you to Evan and the entire Schiff Family who helped make this pilot project an incredible success!

Triple Crown Sports—Sparkler Tournament

With over 900 teams and 16,000 athletes, Triple Crown Sports hosts the largest softball tournament in the world every year over the July 4th holiday. In 2018, Triple Crown invited PIFS to partner with them for an equipment collection at this year's Sparkler Tournament. In total, the equipment collection brought in nearly 200 pieces of gear to help PIFS get much needed softball equipment for our inventory to help even more girls have the opportunity to play ball.





Will Carbonari

Like many of our equipment donors throughout the year, Will was inspired by his love of the game to run an equipment collection in his Connecticut hometown benefitting Pitch In For Baseball & Softball. Will worked hard to advertise his equipment drive early and often in addition to having various drop off dates and locations throughout the community. Spreading the word paid off for Will as he amassed nearly 1,000 pieces of baseball and softball gear to donate to PIFBS! Will and his family packed up the gear, rented a truck, and made the drive to our Pennsylvania warehouse to drop it all off! Will is planning to host another drive next year and also hopes to raise funds to support a project in Puerto Rico!

Pictured at right: Lions
Fastpitch located in Rochester,
NY spent the summer
collecting gear to donate to
PIFBS! Some of the team was
able to make the trip to drop
off the equipment at our PA
warehouse location in the fall
of 2018.



About 60% of the equipment PIFBS has available to distribute comes from supportive communities like these!

- Youth baseball/softball organizations whose communities have an abundance of equipment not being used and want to give back
- Caring kids who love the game and want to give others a chance to play
- Companies that want to engage their employees and communities in philanthropy

Donor Highlights

2018 Little League Donations

Our partner, Little League International, regularly communicates with their districts and leagues encouraging them to clean our their equipment sheds and donate gear that they aren't using to PIFBS. Alexandria Little League donated approximately 600 pieces of equipment valued at over \$5,000 that was able to be shipped to Puerto Rico—supporting teams that lost their gear due to the hurricanes. Check out all the Little Leagues that donated to us in 2018!

- Alexandria Little League
- CA District 8 Little League
- Dixie Little League
- Drexel Hill Little League
- Falls Church Kiwanis Little League
- Hilltop Little League
- Ladera Ranch Little League

- Little League
 Southwest Region
- Little League Western Region HQ
- Morrisville Little League
- Penfield Little League
- Plymouth Little League
- Portsmouth Little League

- Tinton Falls Little
- Upper Darby Little League
- Virginia District 7 Little League
- West Los Angeles Little League
- Westchester Little League







WMGK Radio & Xfinity

For the third year in a row, local Philadelphia radio station WMGK, facilitated an equipment collection drive in the tri-state area! WMGK again teamed up with Xfinity stores across the Delaware Valley to serve as collection sites. The collection ran for approximately a month and was highlighted by special guest appearances by Philadelphia Phillies legend Tommy Greene at Xfinity stores! The league or team that donated the most equipment won an appearance by Tommy at their opening day ceremonies. In total, the drive collected well over 1,200 pieces of equipment from supporters in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey.

Pictured top left: Julia & James Rhee from Georgia spent months collecting equipment with the help of Double Play and Westminster School.

Pictured bottom left: For the 5th year in a row, Daulton Zeaman collected gear in his community to donate to PIFBS!

Pictured top right: For his Eagle Scout project, Weston Petty chose to collect gear for PIFBS! He made the trip to drop it off at our Los Angeles warehouse.

Pictured right bottom: Brett Kovel and son Caiden ran their second fundraiser for PIFBS in 2018. This year, they collected cash donations and gift cards and then went to a sporting goods store to purchase brand new gear to donate to PIFBS!









Project Highlights



Mauricio Dubon, a player in the Milwaukee Brewers minor league system, teamed up with PIFBS for the second year in a row to bring baseball to his hometown in Honduras where soccer is the most popular sport. The donation totaled over a \$2,000 value to help more than 100 kids in the Liga Roberta Venezuela Little League learn the game of baseball. The equipment included gloves, baseballs, bats and helmets.

In the fall of 2017, the Atlantic Ocean saw three of the largest hurricanes ever on record. They devastated several islands as well as parts of Florida and Texas. With support from Little League International and Wilson Sporting Goods, PIFBS was able to help West Oaks Little League, Refugio Little League, and Memorial Ashford Little League replace the gear they lost due to the hurricane! The donations totaled nearly \$46,000 worth of equipment and helped over 600 kids in the Houston area get back to playing the sport they love.



Pitch In For Softball Signature Projects



Wilson Sporting Goods—Chicago, IL

The very first Signature Project of 2018 kicked off in Chicago with longtime partner, Wilson. Employees helped pack up the brand new gear into team bags and then distributed it to 20 high school softball teams in the area. The donation totaled more than \$30,000 and helped over 400 girls in Chicago play ball!



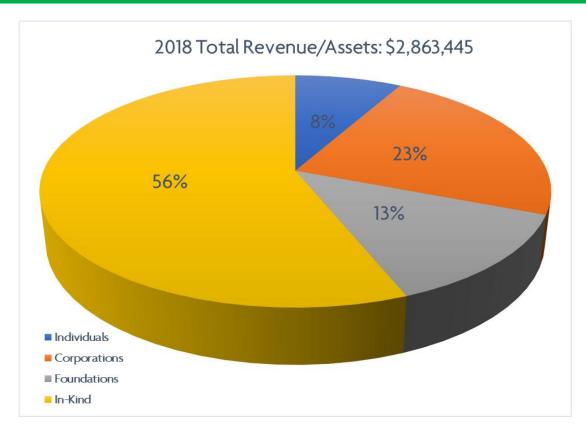
Natasha Watley Foundation—Los Angeles, CA

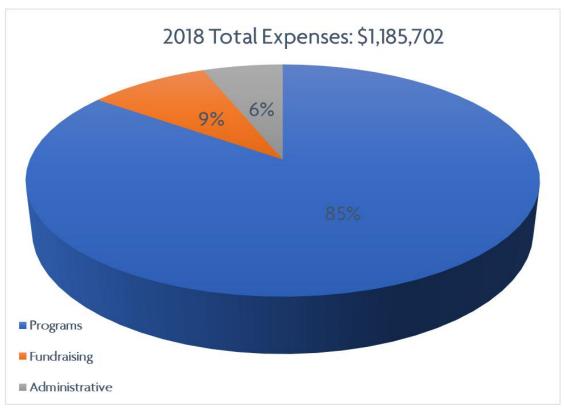
In June, PIFS donated nearly \$50,000 in gear to the Natasha Watley Foundation to help provide a high quality softball experience for under-resourced girls in the Los Angeles area. The PIFS Signature Project helped to provide equipment to expand an additional 8 teams and update gear for the existing 22 teams.



Little League—Caribbean Islands

The US Virgin Islands, the British Virgin Islands, and St. Maarten also saw extensive damage from the hurricanes in 2017. For the last Signature Project of 2018, PIFS and Little League teamed up to donate more than \$40,000 worth of equipment to all of the softball leagues on the three islands so they could get back on the field.





"We were very pleased with our experience with Pitch In For Baseball this year!! The whole process was amazing. The shipping cost was so reasonable, and we were very pleased with the items we received. We were able to provide gloves to about 15 different players, we provided our coaches with practice baseballs (they would normally use their personal baseballs), and we were able to provide safer batting helmets to all of our teams as many of our old ones were missing padding, and very used. Thank you so much for everything. We were truly blessed this year, and very glad to help our players who wouldn't have been able to play due to the lack of personal equipment. Thank you!!"



"This is an incredible program. It allows schools such as ours to provide equipment to players that may not have the opportunity to play. This program is so beneficial and I am grateful for it each year!! Thank you!!"

- Carrie Schmitz, Newport High School Softball



Pitch In For Baseball & Softball 1565 Gehman Road Harleysville, PA 19438

267-263-4069

info@pifb.org