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# PITCH IN FOR BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



*Celebrating 15 Years of  
Helping Kids Play Ball*

PIFBS works to promote positive youth development by giving the gift of play to kids in underserved communities around the world.

## About Us

Founded in 2005, **Pitch In For Baseball & Softball** (PIFBS) is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit 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.

Over the past 15+ years, PIFBS has given out more than \$10 million worth of gear to help nearly **1 million** children play ball in every state in the U.S. and more than 110 countries worldwide. PIFBS utilizes four core programs to provide kids with the equipment they need.

*Despite the pandemic in 2020, PIFBS completed 564 projects in 38 states, 1 U.S. territory, and 30 countries, benefitting 89,000 children across the globe.*



Do you have new or used gear you can donate?  
Want to start your own collection project?  
Visit [PIFBS.org](http://PIFBS.org)!

## Service Projects

Each year, kids all over the country collect equipment and raise funds on behalf of PIFBS for school service learning, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, birthdays, Eagle Scout projects, Girls Scout projects, and more. Kids can register their projects at [pifbs.org](http://pifbs.org), create a fundraising page, and hold their equipment drive to help other kids around the world enjoy the game that they love. PIFBS can accept any piece of baseball or softball equipment that is in usable condition.

## Domestic & International Grants

PIFBS has an application process for both domestic and international grant requests. Domestically, PIFBS gets new and gently used gear to baseball and softball programs to increase youth participation in under-resourced communities.

Internationally, PIFBS sends gear to many countries where interest in the game is growing rapidly, but access to baseball and softball equipment is limited. PIFBS helps communities establish baseball and softball programs by sending them the gear they need.

“Due to new COVID rules, all kids were to provide their own glove, bat, and helmet. In many cases, parents who have been out of work could not afford to purchase this equipment. This donation helped keep these kids on the field.”  
— Carrie Malangone, West Haven LL



## Disaster Relief Program

In times of tragedy, baseball and softball can help to restore a sense of normalcy for children amidst the chaos. We have helped dozens of communities around the globe recover, at no cost to them, following hurricanes, tornadoes, or other catastrophic events. These projects have taken place in New York and New Jersey; Joplin, Missouri; the Gulf Coast region; Japan; Houston, Texas; West Virginia; Louisiana; Puerto Rico; and the Caribbean islands.

## School-Based Program

Since 2008 our School-Based Program has helped schools continue or expand their baseball and softball programs and stretch limited budgets. Kids who participate in these programs have been shown to increase their attendance and GPA as a result of playing ball. Although the 2020 school seasons were cancelled due to the pandemic, distribution events with the Minnesota Twins and Cincinnati Reds/St. Elizabeth Healthcare were held prior to the shutdown, and a drive-through distribution with the Philadelphia Phillies and Springfield Township Rotary to benefit Philadelphia schools took place at our Harleysville, PA headquarters in November.



**2019 School Based Program Results**

- Percentage of students that have never played baseball/softball before: **40%**
- Percentage of students that qualified for free/reduced lunch: **87%**
- Percentage of students that improved attendance: **70%**
- Percentage of students that improved grades: **71%**

\*2020 programs were postponed due to COVID-19

### School-Based Program Participants:

