# PITCH IN COR BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

LET YOUR EQUIPMENT PLAY EXTRA INNINGS



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# A WORD FROM THE CEO

#### Dear Friends,

On the most basic level, baseball/softball is a game that is played in backyards, parks, playgrounds, sandlots, and streets. In addition to its pure play element, the game is also a powerful vehicle for youth development that teaches important life lessons like teamwork, discipline, and overcoming adversity. It helps build confidence, offers a constructive alternative for after-school hours, and gives kids positive adult role models in their coaches. It is a game that brings communities together—unifying people from different backgrounds, religions, ethnic groups, and socioeconomics as well as offering parents a way to connect with their kids.

#### As I think about 2023, one word comes to mind - IMPACT/im,pak(t): to have a strong effect on someone or something.

This word is a constant in the Pitch In For Baseball & Softball world. It anchors us and our work. It drives us. It connects us to donors, supporters, partners, and the kids we help. It is why we exist—to positively impact children through this amazing game of baseball/ softball, to give them the gift of play. In 2023 alone, we donated more than \$10 million in equipment grants to help 207,867 children play ball in 48 states and 24 countries, as well as USVI and Puerto Rico.

Since 2005, Pitch In For Baseball & Softball has had the honor of working with thousands of volunteers, fans, coaches, donors, and partners to get equipment into the hands of kids and communities that need it most. Together, we have helped more than 1.7 million children play ball and have delivered equipment to more than 117 different countries around the world.

Pitch In For Baseball & Softball has been able to have an impact because of our donors. I want to share three special examples that embody the impact that we are able to have because of you.



#### Justin, Chicago Heat - Chicago, IL

Justin (9 years old) started playing baseball when he was six. Earlier this year, Justin was diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a rare heart disease and was told by his doctors that he could never play baseball again. Soon after the devastating news, the Chicago Heat received an equipment grant from PIFBS. Justin was so excited to help deliver the donated gear to his team. He still wanted to remain on the team in any way possible. He was even there for all practices, despite not being able to play. Later in the season, Justin was given the green light to return to baseball activities! While returning with limitations, Justin was given the support he needed from his baseball team during this tough time in his life.



#### Herman J. Russell West End Academy - Atlanta, GA

With 100% of students qualifying for free/reduced lunches and less than 20% of students performing at grade level in math and reading, Herman J. Russell West End Academy is in need of resources to support student success. At the start of the 2023 season, it was discovered that all of the softball gloves were stolen. With little to no budget for the softball program, they were unable to purchase new ones. Pitch In For Baseball & Softball provided an equipment grant with the much-needed softball gloves as well as other gear which resulted in a record number of players in more than 10 years!



#### Fastpitch Association - Canton, OH

North Canton Fastpitch (NCFA) is a relatively new league works to keep costs as low and accessible as possible for families. NCFA provides all coaches with equipment for the team to share to make the game more accessible for families. NCFA does not own their fields and rents from the city. Rising equipment and field rental costs have made it more expensive to operate and put the season in question. The equipment grant from PIFBS allowed them not to go under. The dollars that had been earmarked for equipment allowed the league to purchase new bases for player safety and shift dollars to other areas of program areas like additional field availability and scholarships.

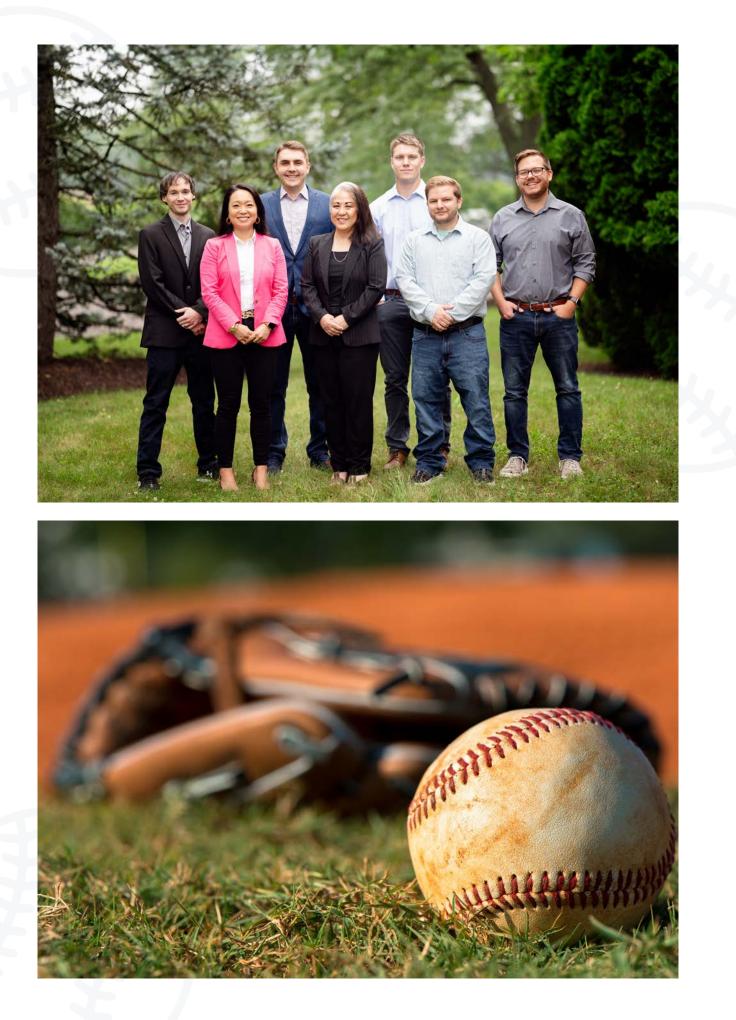
On behalf of the entire PIFBS team, I want to thank you for your continued support, and I hope you will stay with us in our mission to eliminate equipment as a barrier to play. It is because of you that kids like Justin and groups like North Canton Fastpitch and Herman Russell West End Academy are able to have the opportunity to play.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of a million kids across the globe!

Sincerely,

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Meredith Kim, CEO



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# **ABOUT US**

#### OUR PURPOSE

Baseball and softball are a powerful vehicle for youth development teaching important life lessons like teamwork, respect, overcoming adversity, and the art of winning and losing. It helps build confidence, offers a constructive alternative for after-school hours, and gives kids positive role models in their coaches. It is a game that brings communities together - unifying people from different backgrounds, religions, ethnic groups, and socioeconomics as well as offering parents a way to connect with their kids.

Each year, more than 25 million children play baseball or softball; however, the recent Sports & Fitness Industry report shows that only 26% of participants come from families living below the federal poverty line. Additionally, less than 30% of participants are from diverse communities. This data - compacted with the growing costs associated with the game (equipment, registration fees, etc.) – tells us that the game is harder to access for underresourced communities.



Pitch In For Baseball & Softball's mission is to eliminate barriers to play by providing equipment to support kids around the world who are most in need. We work to provide access to the game so that any child, regardless of economic background, can benefit from the lessons and opportunities that the game provides.

#### OUR REACH

Since our inception in 2005, PIFBS has helped over 1.7 million kids across every state in the U.S. and over 117 countries, completing an average of 1200 projects annually.

Victoria was one of the few girls we have in our baseball program who decided she wanted to try a new sport. She was from a family with a single-household income and, unfortunately, the baseball equipment costs were something her family wasn't sure they could make happen. When we received notice of the PIFBS equipment grant, Victoria was the first player that came to mind. The smile she gave us when providing her with the equipment she needed is a look I will not forget. She proudly, and immediately, put on her new gear and could not wait to use her new bat! The confidence this young girl gained through the generosity of the PIFBS equipment grant is immeasurable. She went from missing practice ... to NEVER MISSING again! She even had her first double of the season! Thank you so much for making this season happen and be so special for our Victoria!

– Adam Grabowski, Mayfield Youth Baseball

# OUR PROGRAMS

Since 2005, PIFBS has donated more than \$30 million in equipment to help more than 1.7 million children play ball across all 50 states and over 117 different countries. PIFBS achieves the mission through four core strategies:

**Domestic and International Equipment Grants** – These grants are a blend of new and used equipment and designed to help leagues, teams, and community organizations around the globe receive the proper equipment to play baseball and softball.

**School-Based Program** – 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 delivers formal School-Based Programs in Philadelphia, Northern Kentucky, and Minneapolis/St. Paul as well as dozens of individual schools both domestically and abroad.

**Disaster Relief Program** – In times of tragedy, baseball and softball can help restore a sense of normalcy for children amidst the chaos. PIFBS has helped rebuild entire leagues so that thousands of kids can start their seasons on time. PIFBS has assisted with relief efforts on the New York/New Jersey shoreline following Hurricane Sandy; Joplin, MO; the Gulf Coast region; Japan; Houston; Puerto Rico; and more.

**Targeted Programs** – PIFBS receives funding from partners and industry leaders to deliver programming in communities of interest. PIFBS manages all components including identifying groups in need of equipment when appropriate, program development, and measuring impact based on partners' charitable interests. Some current partners include Major League Baseball, Little League, the MLB/MLBPA Youth Development Foundation, and Wilson Sporting Goods.

Each equipment recipient completes a report detailing the impact of the donation on the program and participants.

In addition to the programs, PIFBS also has a very active volunteer program thanks to the support of nearly 100 children who choose us as their charitable partner for youth service learning projects, whether for school service learning, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Eagle Scout projects, or simply supporting others play the game we love. About 60% of the equipment PIFBS has available to distribute comes from the efforts of motivated caring kids who run equipment collections and fundraise on PIFBS' behalf.

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# **BY THE NUMBERS**

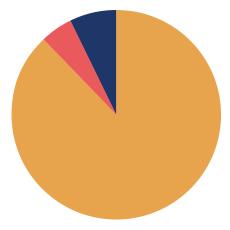
<b>207,867</b> KIDS SERVED	<b>1,291</b> TOTAL PROJECTS	<b>1,221</b> PROJECTS IN THE U.S.	<b>70</b> INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS
<b>\$10,017,099</b> VALUE OF EQUIPMENT	225,664 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT	<b>48</b> STATES/ TERRITORIES	<b>24</b> COUNTRIES + USVI & PUERTO RICO
<b>12,151</b> teams supported	<b>26,653</b> gloves	<b>53,198</b> BASEBALLS & SOFTBALLS	<b>7,048</b> bats

# **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

2023 Total Revenue & In-Kind Donations: \$9,902,561

• Individuals • Corporations • Foundations • In-Kind Donations

2023 Total Expenses: \$2,479,661



• Programs • Fundraising • Administrative

# DOMESTIC GRANTEES

#### ALABAMA

Chickasaw HS BB & SB, Chickasaw Birmingham Metro LL SB, Irondale Montgomery River Region RBI BB & SB, Montgomery

#### ARKANSAS

Centerton LL BB & SB, Centerton North Little Rock Police Athletic League, North Little Rock Potts Camp HS BB & SB, Potts Camp Riverview School District BB, Searcy Building Boys Beyond Ball, Sherwood White Hall LL SB, White Hall

#### ARIZONA

High Desert LL BB & SB, Anthem Avondale LL BB & SB, Avondale Duncan LL BB Inc., Duncan Fort Thomas HS BB, Fort Thomas Arizona D-Backs RBI BB & SB, Phoenix Calabasas School SB, Rio Rico Cactus LL, Tucson Los Ninos LL BB & SB, Tucson San Xavier LL BB & SB, Tucson Rincon LL BB & SB, Vail Florence LL BB, Valley Farms

#### CALIFORNIA

Adelanto LL BB & SB, Adelanto Red Bluff BB & SB, Anderson Antioch BB & SB, Antioch Belshaw Elementary BB. Antioch Marsh Elementary BB, Antioch Mission Elementary BB, Antioch Azusa American LL BB & SB. Azusa Greenfield LL BB & SB, Bakersfield Blythe LL BB & SB, Blythe Brentwood BB & SB, Brentwood Castroville BB & SB, Castroville Chico BB & SB, Chico Chula Vista National LL BB, Chula Vista Citrus Heights BB & SB, Citrus Heights Clearlake BB & SB, Clearlake Ken Hubbs Memorial LL BB. Colton MLB Youth Academy BB & SB, Compton Corning BB & SB, Corning Rancho Tehama BB, Corning Cottonwood BB, Cottonwood Del Norte County BB & SB, Crescent City Daly City Afterschool Program BB, Daly City Daly City BB & SB, Daly City

Loyal To My Soil BB, *Danville* East Palo Alto BB & SB, *East Palo Alto* Redwood Empire LL BB, *Eureka* Exter LL BB, *Exeter* Fort Irwin MST BB & SB, *Fort Irwin* Frazier Mountain LL BB & SB, *Frazier Park* Fresno JJC BB & SB, *Fresno* Greenfield BB & SB, *Greenfield* 

Half Moon Bay BB, Half Moon Bay Hanford BB & SB, Hanford Harbor City RC BB & SB, Harbor City Hawthorne Holly Park BB, Hawthorne Healdsburg Afterschool Program BB, Healdsburg Healdsburg BB, Healdsburg Lemon Grove LL BB & SB, Lemon Grove Lemoore LL BB, Lemoore Livingston BB & SB, Livingston Lodi BB & SB, Lodi Lomita LL BB, Lomita Lompoc BB, Lompoc Long Beach BB & SB, Long Beach Alain Leroy College Prep Academy BB, Los Angelés Algin Sutton RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Baldwin Hills RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Belvedere Park BB & SB, Los Angeles Central RC BB & SB, Los Angeles County South BB & SB, Los Angeles Cypress RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Dodgers RBI BB, Los Angeles



Hesperia American LL BB & SB, Hesperia Central LL BB, Highland Hollister BB, Hollister Huntington Park Salt Lake Park BB & SB, Huntington Park Inglewood Darby Park BB & SB, Inglewood Inglewood Edward Vincent Park BB & SB, Inglewood Eastvale LL BB & SB, Jurupa Valley Kelseycille BB & SB, Kelseyville South El Monte LL BB & SB, La Puente El Cajon Western LL BB, Lakeside Arvin – Bear Mountain BB, Lamont Lamont – Bear Mountain BB, Lamont

Lathrop BB & SB, Lathrop

Evergreen RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Gonzales Park BB & SB, Los Angeles Gilbert Lindsay RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Highland Park RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Jackie Tatum Harvard RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Jesse Owens Park BB & SB, Los Angeles Lincoln Park RC BB, Los Angeles Los Angeles LL BB, Los Angeles Lou Costello RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Montecito Heights RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Normandie RC BB, Los Angeles Obregon Park BB & SB, Los Angeles Pecan RC BB & SB. Los Angeles Ramon Garcia RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Red Dedeaux Foundation, Los Angeles

Rosecrans RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Ross Snyder RC BB & SB, Los Angeles St. Andrews RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Salazar Park BB & SB, Los Angeles Saybrook Park BB & SB, Los Angeles University LL BB & SB, Los Angeles Wabash RC BB & SB, Los Angeles Vaquero LL SB, Los Angeles Los Banos BB & SB, Los Banos Lynwood Park BB & SB, Lynwood Manteca BB & SB, Manteca Marin City BB & SB, Marin City Marina BB & SB, Marina Culver Marina Youth BB LL, Marina Del Rav Concord BB, Martinez Marysville LL SB, Marysville YMCA BB & SB, Maywood Franklin/Beachwood BB, Merced Merced BB & SB, Merced Planada BB, Merced Winton BB, Merced Milpitas BB & SB, Milpitas Modesto Empire LL BB, Modesto Modesto BB, Modesto Waterford BB, Modesto Boys & Girls Club of West Dan Gabriel Valley BB & SB, Monterey Park Mt. Shasta BB, Mount Shasta Napa BB & SB, Napa Phillips Elementary School BB, Napa Shearer Elementary School BB, Napa Snow Elementary School BB, Napa Newark BB. Newark Lucas Gilbreath BB, Newport Beach Foothill Farms LL BB, North Highlands Miracle League BB, North Hollywood ASCEND BB, Oakland Brookfield Village Elementary BB, Oakland Clevland Elementary BB, Oakland EnCompass Academy BB, Oakland Fruitvale Elementary BB, Oakland International Community School BB, Oakland Laurel Elementary BB, Oakland Madison Park Academy Primary BB, Oakland Martin Luther King Elementary BB, Oakland Oaklands A's BB & SB, Oakland

Sankofa United BB, Okland

Think College Now BB, Oakland East County Little League BB & SB, Oakley Ontario Mountain View LL BB. Ontario Orangevale BB & SB, Orangevale Oroville BB & SB, Oroville Pacifica HS BB, Oxnard Paso Robles BB & SB, Paso Robles Patterson BB & SB. Patterson Pittsburg BB & SB, Pittsburg Camarillo Crush, Port Hueneme Porterville BB & SB, Porterville Porterville Afterschool Program BB, Porterville Rancho Cordova LL BB & SB, Rancho Cordova Los Molinos BB, Red Bluff Red Bluff Junior Giants Schools Program BB, Red Bluff Redding BB, Redding Redwood City BB, Redwood City Reedley LL BB & SB, Reedley Richmond LL BB & SB, Richmond Arlanza LL BB. Riverside Rohnert Park BB & SB, Rohnert Park Rosamond LL BB & SB, Rosamond Roseville BB. Roseville Abraham Lincoln Elementary BB, Sacramento Parkway LL BB & SB, Sacramento Sacramento BB & SB, Sacramento Southgate BB & SB, Sacramento Salinas BB & SB, Salinas Calaveras National LL BB, San Andreas San Bruno BB & SB, San Bruno Mission Trails LL BB, San Diego Murphy Canyon LL BB, San Diego Mira Mesa LL BB, San Diego Twin Hills LL BB, San Diego Kearny Mesa LL, San Diego A.P. Giannini MS BB, San Francisco E.R. Taylor Elementary BB, San Francisco Giants Community Fund BB, San Francisco Guadalupe Elementary BB, San Francisco Hunters Point BB & SB, San Francisco

JR Giants Fall Academy BB & SB, San Francisco

JR Giants Festival BB, San Francisco

JR Giants SUPP BB & SB, San Francisco Lawton Alternative School BB,

San Francisco

Potrero Hill Recreation Center SB, San Francisco Recreation & Parks BB & SB, San Francisco Roosevelt MS BB, San Francisco Sherman Elementary BB, San Francisco San Jose FMCI BB, San Jose San Leandro BB & SB, San Leandro San Luis Obispo BB & SB, San Luis Obispo San Mateo BB & SB, San Mateo San Pablo BB & SB, San Pablo San Rafael BB, San Rafael Sanger BB & SB, Sanger Memorial Park LL BB, Santa Ana Santa Maria BB, Santa Maria Rincon Valley LL BB, Santa Rosa Santa Rosa BB & SB, Santa Rosa Seaside BB & SB, Seaside South Lake Tahoe BB, South Lake Tahoe South Pasadena BB & SB, South Pasadena South San Francisco BB & SB, South San Francisco Mount Miguel SB, Spring Valley Mid-City LL BB, Spring Valley



# DOMESTIC GRANTEES

Spring Valley LL BB, Spring Valley Valley De Oro LL BB, Spring Valley Stockton BB & SB, Stockton Suisun City BB, Suisun City Sunnyvale BB & SB, Sunnyvale Murrieta National LL BB, Temecula Merrill F. West HS SB, Tracy Tracy LL BB & SB, Tracy Upland National LL BB, Upland Vacaville BB & SB, Vacaville Vallejo BB, Vallejo Watsonville Afterschool Program BB, Watsonville West Covina American LL BB, West Covina West Sacramento BB & SB, West Sacramento Willits BB, Willits Wilmington RC BB & SB, Wilmington Woodland BB & SB, Woodland Natasha Watley Foundation SB, Woodland Hills Tri - Valley LL BB & SB, Yucca Valley COLORADO

Palisade Area LL BB & SB, *Palisade* Sterling BB Organization, *Sterling* 

#### CONNECTICUT

Ansonia LL BB & SB, Ansonia Glastonbury American League SB, Glastonbury Old Saybrook LL BB & SB, Old Saybrook Salem LL SB, Salem Western LL BB, Southington Terryville Plymouth LL SB, Terryville Woodstock LL BB & SB, Woodstock

#### DELAWARE

Milton LL BB & SB, Milton Wilmington LL BB, Wilmington

#### **FLORIDA**

Baker Area Youth Association BB & SB, *Baker* Cocoa LL BB & SB, *Cocoa* 

Crystal River LL BB & SB, Crystal River Northeast LL BB & SB, Fort Lauderdale Graceway Village Church SB, Fort Pierce Northeast LL BB, Fort Pierce Northside LL BB & SB, Fort Pierce PSL LL SB, Fort Pierce Freeport LL Athletic Association BB & SB, Freeport Resurrection Catholic School BB & SB, Jacksonville Seacoast Christian Academy BB & SB, Jacksonville Wesconnett Wildcats BB, Jacksonville Lake Placid LL SB. Lake Placid Ocala LL BB. Ocala Pine Castle LL BB & SB, Orlando Palm Bay W. LL BB. Palm Bay PSL American LL BB, Port St. Lucie PSL National LL BB, Port St. Lucie Special Olympics St. Lucie SB, Port St. Lucie Baseball Bro Inc BB, Riverview Rockledge LL BB & SB, Rockledge James S Rickards HS BB, Tallahassee Interbay LL BB & SB, Tampa North Seminole LL BB & SB, Tampa Progress Village LL BB, Tampa Aleisha Ocasio Skills Event SB, Vero Beach Zephyrhills LL BB & SB, Zephyrhills **GEORGIA** 

Adairsville HS BB, Adairsville Herman J Russell W. End Academy BB & SB, Atlanta Jean Child Youth MS BB, Atlanta John Lewis Invictus Academy BB, Atlanta Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy BB, Atlanta Ralph J Bunche MS BB, Atlanta Appling County HS SB, Baxley Hart County LL BB & SB, Canon Tapestry Public Charter School BB, Doraville Forest Park HS BB, Forest Park Macon RBI BB & SB, Macon Lincoln County HS SB, Mableton Martinez Evans LL BB & SB, Martinez Rabun County LL SB, Rabun Gap Echols County Schools BB & SB, Statenville Toccoa LL SB, Toccoa

Warner Robins American LL SB, Warner Robins

#### HAWAII

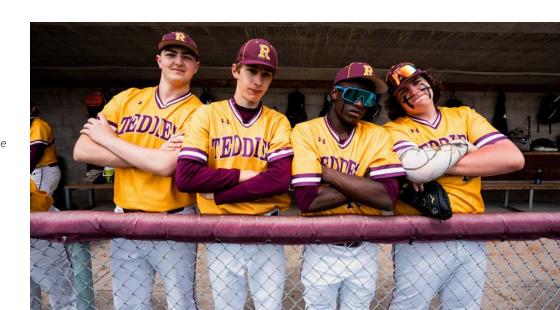
Ka'u LL, Naalehu Lanai LL BB, Lanai City

#### IDAHO

SWA Hawgs BB, *Meridian* City of Rexburg Recreation, *Rexburg* Make A Wish Emersyn BB & SB, *Pocatello* 

#### ILLINOIS

Alain Leroy Locke College Prep Academy BB, Brookfield Youth BB Association of Richton Park BB, Calumet City Chicago Heat Baseball, Chicago Chicago White Sox RBI BB, Chicago Prosser Career Academy BB & SB, Chicago Sheridan McGuane BB & SB, Chicago Franklin Park Vipers Youth BB & SB, Franklin Park Freeport LL BB, Freeport Lansing LL BB. Lansing LaSalle SB, LaSalle Tamms Youth Leagues BB & SB, Tamms Jacksonville Area BB & SB, Woodson



#### INDIANA

Clay Youth BB League, Carbon Centerville Youth League BB, Centerville JeffGRC American LL BB & SB, Charlestown Cascade Youth League BB & SB, Coatesville Concord LL SB, Elkhart Ellettsville Youth Sports BB & SB. Ellettsville Goshen LL BB & SB, Goshen Clevland LL BB & SB, Granger Hessville LL BB & SB, Hammond Lawrenceburg Community Center BB, Lawrenceburg Milan HS BB & SB, Milan Rising Sun HS BB & SB, Rising Sun Harrison Elementary BB, South Bend Southeast LL BB & SB, South Bend Terre Haute North LL BB, Terre Haute South Haven LL BB, Valparaiso South Ripley BB & SB, Versailles Switzerland County HS BB & SB, Vevay

#### IOWA

Davenport East BB, Davenport Parks & Rec Department BB & SB, Denison Iowa BB & SB, DeWitt Ottumwa LL, Ottumwa Pleasantville LL BB & SB, Pleasantville NE Iowa Wellness & Recreation Center BB, Postville

#### KANSAS

Blue Mound Ball Association BB & SB, Blue Mound

#### KENTUCKY

Campbell County HS BB & SB, Alexandra Tiffany Black BB & SB, Ashland Augusta Independent BB & SB, Augusta Knox County LL SB, Barbourville Bellevue High School BB, Bellevue Bellevue Tigers SB, Bellevue Bellevue Veterans Club BB, Bellevue Covington Bulldogs BB, Covington Holmes HS BB & SB, Covington Holy Cross HS BB & SB, Covington North Oldham BB & SB, Crestwood Dayton HS BB & SB, Dayton Grant County LL BB & SB, Dry Ridge Grant County HS BB & SB, Dry Ridge

Dixie Heights BB & SB, Edgewood East Hardin MS BB, Elizabethtown Lloyd Memorial BB & SB, Erlanger Boone County HS BB & SB, Florence Fort Knox Youth Sports & Fitness BB & SB, Fort Knox Henderson Settlement LL BB, Frakes Scott County BB & SB, Georgetown Cordia School BB, Hazard Knott County LL SB, Hindman Caverna MS BB, Horse Cave Y'all's Junior BB, Independence Marin County Cal Ripken BB & SB, Inez Prairie Village BB & SB, Louisville Ludlow AC BB & SB, Ludlow Ludlow HS BB & SB. Ludlow Newport Central Catholic BB & SB, Newport Newport HS BB, Newport Newport SB, Newport Pulaski County LL BB & SB, Somerset Scott HS BB & SB, Taylor Mill Gallatin County HS BB & SB, Warsaw Williamstown Independent Schools BB, Williamstown Winchester LL BB & SB, Winchester

#### LOUISIANA

Broadmoor Senior HS SB, *Baton Rouge* Avoyelles American BB & SB, *Cottonport* SE Shreveport LL BB & SB, *Shreveport* 

#### MAINE

Old Town LL BB, *Eddington* Winterport LL BB, *Frankfort* 

#### MASSACHUSETTS

Dover Sherborn Youth BB & SB, Dover Agawam LL BB & SB, Feeding Hills Fitchburg LL BB & SB, Fitchburg Longmeadow SB Association, Longmeadow Winthrop LL SB, Winthrop Ted Williams LL BB, Worcester

#### MICHIGAN

Lakeview Youth Assoc. LL BB, Battle Creek Greater Bay LL BB, Bay City Bloomingdale MS & HS BB, Bloomingdale LL of Holly BB & SB, Clarkston Daves Choice Community Development Corp BB & SB, Detroit Edwardsburg LL BB & SB, *Edwardsburg* US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Grand Rapids* 

Jackson SW LL BB & SB, Jackson Eastwood LL BB & SB, Kalamazoo Bay County Eastside LL BB, Munger Port Huron LL BB & SB, Port Huron Three Fires LL SB, Sand Lake Taylor North LL BB & SB, Taylor

#### **MINNESOTA**

Avon Youth BB, Avon Blue Earth Area Youth BB Assoc. BB, Bricelyn John A. Johnson HS SB, Inver Grove

Heights Laporte Public School BB & SB, Laporte

MGFA Inc. SB, Minneapolis

Minneapolis Roosevelt BB, Minneapolis Minneapolis SW HS BB, Minneapolis Minneapolis S HS BB & SB, Minneapolis Minneapolis Washburn BB, Minneapolis North Community HS BB, Minneapolis Patrick Henry HS BB & SB, Minneapolis SW HS SB, Minneapolis

Thomas Edison HS BB & SB, *Minneapolis* Washburn HS SB, *Minneapolis* Monticello Girls Assoc. Inc. SB, *Monticello* 

Parkway LL BB, Oakdale Huskies Bullpen Club Inc. BB, Owatonna Roseville Area FP SB, Roseville Como Park Senior HS BB & SB, Saint Paul

Harding HS BB & SB, Saint Paul Humboldt HS BB & SB, Saint Paul Johnson Senior HS BB, Saint Paul Saint Paul Twins RBI, Saint Paul Washington Technology Magnet BB & SB, Saint Paul

Cal Ripken BB, *Solway* Bagley Baseball Association, *Solway* Swanville Elementary BB & SB, *Swanville* Warba Feeley Youth BB, *Warba* 

#### MISSISSIPPI

Amory HS BB, Amory Blue Mountain HS BB & SB, Blue Mountain H.W. Byers HS BB & SB, Holly Springs Potts Camp HS BB & SB, Potts Camp

# DOMESTIC GRANTEES

#### MISSOURI

Bevier BB Association BB & SB, Bevier Grand River Area YMCA BB & SB, Chillicothe St. Louis Cardinals RBI BB & SB, Saint Louis John Overton HS BB, Saint Louis

#### MONTANA

North Jefferson County BB, *Clancy* Krushers Fastpitch SB, *Libby* Joliet LL BB & SB, *Roberts* 

#### NEBRASKA

Plattsmouth BB & SB Assoc., Plattsmouth

#### NEVADA

Fernley BB & SB, Fernley Bolden LL BB, Las Vegas Silverado LL BB, Las Vegas Valley HS SB, Las Vegas Reno BB, Reno

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

American Legion Post 46 BB, *Conway* Keene Rebels LL BB, *Keene* Manchester LL BB, *Manchester* 

#### **NEW JERSEY**

Lawnside LL BB & SB, Barrington Bayonne Central LL BB & SB, Bayonne Brigantine BB & SB Assoc., Brigantine Clifton LL BB, Clifton Eatontown LL BB, Eatontown Emerson LL BB. Emerson City of Hoboken RBI SB, Hoboken Washington Park LL BB & SB, Jersey City Jackie Robinson Jersey City RBI BB & SB, Jersey City Lawrence LL BB & SB, Lawrence Twp Liga Roberto Clemente De Newark BB & SB, Newark New Jersey Thunder SB, Norwood Palisades Park Leonia LL BB & SB. Palisades Park Passaic City Youth BB League, Passaic

Paterson BB Assoc. RBI BB, *Paterson* City of Parth Amboy RBI BB & SB, *Perth Amboy* 

Saddle Brook Girls SB, Saddle Brook Teaneck Southern LL BB & SB, Teaneck West Deptford Township LL BB & SB, West Deptford

#### NEW MEXICO

Yucca LL BB & SB, Bosque Farms Clovis Western LL SB, Clovis La Plaza LL SB, Las Vegas Enchantment LL BB & SB, Los Lunas Mora LL BB & SB, Mora Ranton HS BB, Raton Coronado LL BB & SB, Rio Rancho Sunset LL BB, Rio Rancho Copper LL BB & SB, Silver City

#### NEW YORK

Eldred LL BB & SB, Barryville Bayside LL BB, Bayside Berne Knox Westerlo LL BB & SB, Berne Chenango Valley LL BB, Binghamton Bronx Blue Devils BB & SB, Bronx Bronx RBI SB, Bronx Castle Hill RBI BB, Bronx Coop City LL BB, Bronx Co-Op LL BB, Bronx LL Raiders BB Inc., Bronx Parchester RBI BB, Bronx Parkchester LL BB, Bronx 78th Youth BB & SB, Brooklyn Brooklyn Eagles BB & SB, Brooklyn Levittown North LL BB, Brooklyn North Bellmore North Merrick BB & SB, Brooklyn Rockaway LL BB & SB, Brooklyn St. Anselm BB, Brooklyn St. Ephrems BB & SB, Brooklyn Camden LL BB, Camden Chittenango LL BB & SB, Chittenango Philipstown LL SB, Cold Spring Elmira Heights Cinderella SB, Elmira Mexico LL SB. Fulton Fonda Fultonville LL SB. Fultonville Gloversville LL BB, Gloversville Johnson City Youth BB & SB, Johnson City Monticello LL BB, Kauneonga Lake Indian Valley LL SB, Kerhonkson Uniondale All-Stars BB & SB. Long Island Harlem LL BB & SB, Manhattan Jaws & Taino LL BB, Manhattan Lower East Side RBI BB. Manhattan OLS LL BB, Manhattan Westbury HS SB, Merrick Nanuet LL BB & SB, Nanuet Ellenville NY LL BB, Napanoch



St. James Smithtown LL BB & SB, Nesconset

New Rochelle LL BB & SB, New Rochelle Esperanza Prep Academy BB, New York Esperanza Prep Academy SB, New York HS for Dual Language & Asian Studies SB, New York

Manhattan Academy for Arts & Language BB, New York

School in the Square SB, *New York* North Bellmore/Merrick LL BB & SB, *North Merrick* 

Pine Plains BB & SB, Pine Plains

Port Jervis LL BB & SB, Port Jervis Brookfield Civic Assoc. BB, Queens

Encarnacion LL BB, Queens

HS for Law Enforcement & Public Safety SB, Queens

La Javilla BB, Queens

Ozone Howard BB & SB, Queens

RGMVM BB & SB, Queens

Works LL BB & SB, Queens

Paws Youth & Advocacy Center RBI BB, Rochester

Southern Cayuga Sports Conference, Scipio Center

Snug Harbor LL BB & SB, Staten Island East Syracuse LL BB & SB, Syracuse Inner City LL BB, Syracuse

Mexico LL BB & SB, Syracuse

- Phoenix LL BB & SB, Syracuse
- Syracuse LL BB & SB, *Syracuse* Syracuse Police Athletic/Activities
- League BB & SB, Syracuse

West End PBA LL BB, Syracuse

Riverhead LL BB & SB, Wading River

Watervliet LL SB, *Watervliet* Mt. Vernon RBI BB & SB, *Westchester* Mamakating LL BB, *Wurtsboro* 

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Coulwood-Oakdale LL BB & SB, Denver Greensboro Grasshoppers RBI BB, Greensboro

Kannapolis Cannon Ballers BB & SB, Kannapolis

Buck Leonard Assoc. For Sports & Human Enrichment BB, *Rocky Mount* 

Watch The Pitch BB Academy, Rougemont

North Forsyth LL BB, Rural Hall

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Larimore Park Board BB & SB, Larimore

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Amelia Knothole BB, Amelia Kingsville Area LL BB & SB, Ashtabula Baltimore Youth BB Assoc., Baltimore Clermont NE Athletic Assoc. BB, Batavia West Clement HS BB, Batavia B Buzz BB League, Beachwood Bethel Diamond Sports BB & SB, Bethel Blanchester Youth BB, Blanchester Fayette County SB League, Bloomingburg Meadowbrook HS SB, Byesville Chesapeake LL BB & SB, Chesapeake Cincy Slugger SB, Cincinnati Dater Montessori Athletic Assoc. BB & SB, Cincinnati Finneytown Athletic Assoc. BB, Cincinnati Heavy Hitters BB, Cincinnati Hyde Park School Athletics BB, Cincinnati Monfort Heights Athletic Assoc. BB, Cincinnati North Hills BB Assoc., Cincinnati Norwood Knothole BB & SB, Cincinnati Purcell Marian BB & SB, Cincinnati Reading BB & SB, Cincinnati Reds Community Fund BB & SB, Cincinnati St. James Athletic Club BB & SB, Cincinnati St. Bart's BB, Cincinnati St. Bernard-Elmwood Place BB & SB, Cincinnati St. Ignatius BB, Cincinnati St. Teresa of Avila Athletic Program BB & SB, Cincinnati Village of Lockland BB, Cincinnati Wagons Unity Daycare BB, Cincinnati Westside Elite SB, Cincinnati Young Breed Bulldogs BB, Cincinnati City of Clevland, Division of Rec. BB & SB, Clevland Columbus Sandlot BB, Colombus Cuyahoga Falls North LL BB & SB, Cuyahoga Falls Fairborn LL BB, Fairborn Fayetteville Athletic Assoc. BB & SB, Fayetteville Hunter Youth Rec. Assoc. BB & SB, Franklin Geneva LL BB & SB, Geneva Georgetown Youth Sports BB, Georgetown Goshen Jr Sports & Rec. Assoc. BB & SB, Goshen Mitchell Park Youth Sports League BB & SB, Greenfield Booker T Washington YMCA LL BB, Hamilton Millville Youth BB & SB Assoc., Hamilton St. John The Baptist Harrison, Harrison Middle Way Youth BB, Middletown LMYB Inc. BB, Morrow Mount Orab Knothole BB & SB, Mount Orab

New Richmond Youth Sports Assoc. BB & SB, New Richmond

North Canton FP Assoc. SB, North Canton

Mohican Young Star Academy SB, Perrusville

Struthers BB & SB League, Poland Sciotville Community School BB, Portsmouth

Warren Township BB Assoc., *Rayland* Reading Valley Youth Org. BB, *Reading* North Union SB for Girls, *Richwood* 

Rippley Youth BB & SB Assoc., Ripley

Eastern Youth BB & SB, *Russelville* St. Bernard Rec. SB, *St. Bernard* Miami East Junior Diamond Sports

BB & SB, Troy

Williamsburg Junior Athletic Assoc. BB & SB, *Williamsburg* 

Village of Woodlawn Pirates, *Woodlawn* Canfield LL BB & SB Club, *Youngstown* Mill Creek Jr. BB & SB, *Youngstown* 

#### OKLAHOMA

Chouteau-Mazie Public Schools BB & SB, Chouteau Crooked Oak Public School SB,

Oklahoma City Pocola Public Schools BB, Pocola Cave Springs SB, Tahlequah UKB-Colcord BB & SB, Tahlequah

#### OREGON

Gold Valley LL BB & SB, Gold Hill Hermiston LL BB & SB, Hermiston Ore-Cal LL BB & SB, Malin Medford BB, Medford Crook County LL BB & SB, Prineville Rogue River LL BB & SB, Rouge Rivier Sisters LL BB & SB, Sisters

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Lehigh Valley RBI BB & SB, Allentown Ashland, PA LL BB, Ashland Berwick Area LL BB, Berwick Hancock LL SB, Big Cove Tannery Bys LL BB & SB, Birdsboro Bloomsburg LL SB, Bloomsburg Center Township Athletic Assoc. BB, Butler Lower Valley LL BB, Cheswick Mayfield Youth BB, Childs Young Township LL BB, Clarksburg Caln LL of the Coatesville Area BB & SB. Coatesville Hepburn Lycoming LL BB & SB, Cogan Station Connellsville LL BB, Connellsville Cory LL BB & SB, Corry

Back Mountain LL BB & SB, Dallas

# DOMESTIC GRANTEES

Franklin LL BB, Franklin Deer Lakes Youth BB, Gibsonia SYC LL BB, Glen Rock Blue Ridge LL BB & SB, Great Bend Maxwell Activities Assoc. BB & SB, Greensburg Summit School Inc. BB, Herman Fort Cherry Youth BB, Hickory Nanticoke Area LL BB & SB. Hunlock Creek Tri-County LL BB, Kelayres Mifflinburg Area LL BB & SB, Lewisburg Fort Cherry HS BB & SB, McDonald Sto-Ken-Rox LL, Pon & Colt Assoc. BB, Mckees Rocks Millville LL BB & SB, Millville Montoursville LL BB & SB, Montoursville Susquehanna County LL BB & SB, Nicholson EAAA BB & SB, North Versailles Octorara Area LL, Parkesburg Antonio Pantoja Chater School BB & SB, Philadelphia Carver HS of Engineering & Science SB, Philadelphia D. Newlin Fell Elementary BB & SB, Philadelphia Eugenio Maria De Hostos Charter BB & SB, Philadelphia Hill - Freedman World Academy BB, Philadelphia Kensington Multiplex HS BB, Philadelphia Lindley Academy Charter BB & SB, Philadelphia MaST Community Charter School BB, Philadelphia Phillies UYA SB, Philadelphia Samuel Fels HS SB, Philadelphia Sankofa Freedom Academy BB & SB, Philadelphia Science Leadership Academy BB, Philadelphia St. Laurentius School BB, Philadelphia Stephan Decatur School BB, Philadelphia Tacony Academy Charter HS BB & SB, Philadelphia Thomas A. Edison HS BB & SB, Philadelphia Universal Institute Charter School BB, Philadelphia

W.B. Saul HS BB, *Philadelphia* 

Shaler Area LL BB & SB, Pittsburgh

Swissvale BB & SB Assoc., Pittsburgh Urban Impact Foundation BB, Pittsburgh

Washington Heights Athletic Assoc. BB & SB, *Pittsburgh*  Plymouth LL BB & SB, Plymouth Meeting State College LL BB & SB, Port Matilda Pottsville Area LL BB, Pottsville Punxsutawney Groundhog LL BB & SB, Punxsutawney Olivet RBI BB & SB, Reading Union HS BB & SB, Rimersburg Rochester Area BB & SB Assoc., Rochester Big Run Youth BB & SB, Rossiter West Scranton LL BB, Scranton Shippensburg Area LL SB, Shippensburg Brookville Area LL BB & SB, Sigel Smithfield Youth League BB & SB, Smithfield Somerset Area LL BB & SB, Somerset Tioga Lawrenceville LL BB, Tioga Western Wayne LL BB & SB, Waymart Pen Mar LL BB, Waynesboro West Mifflin Youth BB & SB, West Mifflin White Oak BB & SB, White Oak Williamsport Area LL BB & SB, Williamsport Eastern York Recreation Authority

BB & SB, York

Dallastown Cougars LL BB, York

#### **RHODE ISLAND**

East Providence Central LL BB & SB, East Providence Pineview LL BB, Pawtucket Riverside LL BB, Pawtucket

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

Dixie BB of Chesterfield BB & SB, Cheraw St. Paul's Parish LL BB & SB, Edisto Island Barrier Islands LL BB & SB, Johns Island Marion HS BB, Marion Summerville LL BB, Summerville

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

West Central BB Assoc. Inc., Humboldt West Central Grapplers BB & SB, Humboldt Milbank Ball Diamond Assoc. BB, Milbank

#### TENNESSEE

Clarksville National LL BB & SB, Clarksville West Creek HS BB, Clarksville Sequoyah HS BB & SB, Madisonville Overton HS SB, Memphis Sherwood MS BB, Memphis Southside Youth Development BB, Red Bank

Hancock County High-Middle SB, Sneedville TNT LL BB, Tazewell Tullahoma LL BB, Tullahoma

#### TEXAS

Abilene Southern LL BB, Abilene Boerne LL BB & SB. Boerne Trinity Leadership School, Cedar Hill Corpus Christi National LL BB & SB, Corpus Christi Dumas LL BB & SB, Dumas Ganado LL BB & SB, Ganado Goliad County LL BB & SB, Goliad Astros RBI BB. Houston Lindale LL BB & SB, Houston North Houston American LL BB & SB, Houston Pasadena Girl's SB, Houston Sunbelt BB LL. Houston West Oaks LL BB, Houston Yes Prep Northline Secondary BB & SB, Houston Missouri City LL BB, Missouri City Pearland LL BB, Pearland North Bee County LL BB & SB, Pettus Post Baseball Academy BB & SB, Post Roosevelt LL BB & SB, Ransom Canyon Leakey LL SB, Rio Frio La Vernia LL BB & SB, Saint Hedwig Lake View LL SB, San Angelo Sam Houston HS SB, San Antonio Silsbee LL BB & SB, Silsbee Somerset LL BB & SB, Somerset Texas City LL BB, Texas City North Tyler BB, Tyler Vidor Youth BB League, Vidor Weslaco LL BB & SB, Weslaco

#### UTAH

Water Canyon HS SB, Hildale

#### VIRGINIA

Damascus LL BB & SB, Abingdon Ashland LL Inc. BB & SB, Ashland Rye Cove LL BB & SB, Blackwater Bristol Virginia LL BB & SB, Bristol Culpepper LL BB & SB, Culpepper East Orange County LL SB, Culpepper Spotsylvania County LL SB, Fredericksburg Gate City Youth BB League, Gate City HRPAL BB, Hampton Highlands Spring LL BB & SB, Highland Springs Lee LL SB, Jonesville Warren County Girls LL SB, Middletown Kids on First Foundation BB, Midlothian Little Creek National Pony BB & SB Inc., Norfolk Ocean View LL BB, Norfolk Norton LL BB & SB, Norton Charles Peete LL SB, Portsmouth

Charles Peete LL SB, Portsmouth Churchland LL BB & SB, Portsmouth Olive Brand LL BB & SB, Portsmouth Metropolitan Jr. BB, Powhatan Lower Loudon LL BB, Sterling Plaza LL BB & SB, Virginia Beach

#### WASHINGTON

West Plains LL BB & SB, Cheney Everett LL BB, Everett North Lake LL BB & SB, Kenmore SB Beyond Boarders, Kent Kent LL BB & SB, Renton Tyee HS BB & SB, Seatac Sedro Woolley LL BB & SB, Sedro Woolley Mary Walker HS BB, Springdale Franklin Pierce BB & SB, Tacoma Washington HS BB & SB, Tacoma Highlands LL BB & SB, Vancouver Woodinville LL SB, Woodinville

#### WEST VIRGINIA

Bluefield Area LL BB & SB, *Bluefield* River View HS BB, *Bradshaw* Big Coal River LL SB, *Clear Creek* Dunbar LL BB & SB, *Dunbar* Lincoln County LL BB & SB, *Hamlin* Huntington LL SB, *Huntington* Pineville LL BB & SB, *Pineville* Salt Rock LL BB & SB, *Salt Rock* LFYAL BB & SB, *Shepherdstown* Shinnston LL BB, *Shinnston* Riverfront Athletics Inc. BB & SB, *Sistersville* Craigsville LL SB, *Tioga* 

#### WISCONSIN

Milwaukee Baseball Club Inc. Fall BB, Greenfield

Milwaukee BB Club RBI, Greenfield Beckum-Stapleton LL BB & SB, Milwaukee Superior Youth Organization LL SB,

Superior

#### WYOMING

Powell, WY LL BB, Powell



# INTERNATIONAL GRANTEES

**AMERICAN SAMOA** Faga'itua HS BB & SB

**BAHAMAS** Anfernee Bahamas FP SB Anfernee Bahamas BB Player's Trust Don't Blink BB

BRAZIL Project Beisbol Brazil BB

CAMEROON God Is Able BB

**COLOMBIA** Rep 1 Colombia BB & SB

#### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Academia Cleveland Guardians BB Dios Con Nostro BB Ivan Cuello Baseball Academy BB & SB CAA Dominican Republic BB R&R Mejia BB & SB Rep 1 Dominican Republic BB & SB La Cienaga LL Dominican Republic BB Interior and Police Ministry Fall BB & SB Dominican Republic Amazin' Mets Program BB & SB

ISRAEL

Israel Association of BB

JAMAICA Jamaica LL BB & SB

**KENYA** Baseball 4 Africa BB

LIBERIA African Republic BB & SB

**MEXICO** Campos Sports

MOLDOVA Moldova BB & SB Federation

NICARAGUA Helping Kids Round First BB & SB

#### NIGERIA

Nigeria Babe Ruth League BB & SB LL Nigeria District 01 BB & SB National Youth Camp 2003 BB & SB Adekalu Bulls BB & SB Club

#### PANAMA

Groves BB & SB Taysan Elementary School BB & SB Imalnod Elementary School Kiburiao National HS BB

#### POLAND

Rawa Katowice SB

#### PUERTO RICO

Oriole Advocates BB PR Amazin' Mets Program & SB

SRI LANKA Ranabima Royal Baseball Club (BB & SB)

#### UGANDA

St. Croix RBI BB & SB

#### VENEZUELA

Del Carmen Foundation-Escuela de Beisbol Mellizos Del Carmen Foundation-Desarrollo on Fire BB

#### ZIMBABWE

Chitown U12 boys & girls SB development program Eastlanders SB







# DOMESTIC PROJECTS



#### SOUTHSIDE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (CHATTANOOGA, TN)

Ty'Von had the biggest smile when he started playing baseball. After receiving a PIFBS equipment donation, Ty'Von had a bat and glove to use during the season. Even on days when there were no scheduled practices or games, he could be found at the baseball field playing with his friends. Through baseball, Ty'Von improved his skills and boosted his confidence. He learned how to handle the disappointment of failure and the excitement of success, including hitting his first-ever home run!

#### KA'U LITTLE LEAGUE (NAALEHU, HI)

Charlie tragically lost both his father and grandfather in a fishing accident before the baseball season began. At first, he withdrew from his friends and classmates and felt distant. Charlie decided to join his local team baseball team, hoping that the game could provide him a distraction. Playing baseball with his friends helped him regain his confidence and found comfort in the game. His mother noticed how much happier Charlie was when baseball started and he was playing with his friends.

#### YES PREP NORTHLINE SOFTBALL (HOUSTON, TX)

"Melany can sometimes be off track and not focused on school. Most of the time, she is a good student and stays out of trouble. However, there were instances last year when she struggled. Once we offered softball, it highlighted Melany as a student-athlete. She flourished and fell in love with the sport. As the Athletic Director at Yes Prep Northline, it was a pleasure to watch Melany grow throughout the year. We saw improvements in her academics, behavior, and attendance. Also, she participated in a sport she had never played before and found out that she loved it and was a natural. Without PIFBS, we would not have been able to expose our students or Melany to the game of softball due to limited funding. As we continue to grow, we will look at different avenues to enhance our softball program for students like Melany at Yes Prep Northline." *– John Seaman, Athletic Director at Yes Prep Northline* 

# **INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**



#### BASEBALL 4 AFRICA | KENYA

Baseball 4 Africa was founded in 2004 with the goal to introduce and grow the game of baseball in Kenya. This year one of their players, Oscar, was about to graduate from school in Kenya. He began playing baseball at age 8 years old. At 17 he led his U18 team to the National Championship and was named MVP for a tournament he participated in.

Through equipment grants from PIFBS, baseball has been able to expand throughout Kenya. Baseball teams now stretch over a 200-mile radius in Kenya, giving an opportunity for kids to learn and play the game.



#### DEL CARMEN FOUNDATION | VENEZUELA

Prior to his team receiving the donation from Pitch In for Baseball & Softball, Mauricio played the position of catcher, often without a proper glove, padding, helmet, and other protection. His team would rent whatever equipment was available, which would often not provide the appropriate amount of protection. Mauricio's commitment to his team and love for playing baseball meant that he needed to take three different buses over 45 minutes just to arrive to the playing field, despite not having the proper equipment.

The donation from Pitch In for Baseball & Softball has provided his team with the appropriate protection and playing equipment so Mauricio can learn to play catcher with confidence. His continued ability to participate with his team allows for him to focus on the team, the sport, and to help his development and growth into a young adult.

# TARGETED PROGRAMS



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#### MINNESOTA TWINS

Launched in 2014, our partnership with the Minnesota Twins supports thousands of kids play ball in the greater Minneapolis and St. Paul area each year through the School-Based Program, Glove Program, and Twins' Community Fund Equipment initiative. In 2023 alone, the Twins equipped 40 high school baseball and softball teams, distributed over 70 equipment kits for 12u teams, and provided 2,600 gloves to kids in the Twins RBI program. In the School-Based Program, an average of 50% of their players improved both grades and attendance during the season, which demonstrates the impact of the game on student success and youth development.

#### SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

Pitch In For Baseball & Softball partnered with the San Francisco Giants program for the third consecutive year in 2023 to support equipment needs for nearly 100 Jr. Giants' locations and a School-Based program. This project also included a donation of over 50 pre-packed equipment bags to San Francisco Unified School District baseball and softball programs. With these donations of over 30,000 pieces of equipment valued at over \$900,000, around 25,000 kids were impacted by these efforts last year.

# KLUTCH SPORTS GROUP – PANAMA BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FEDERATION

In 2023, PIFBS partnered with Klutch Sports Group (formerly REP1) to distribute over \$1.5 million in equipment to dozens of leagues and thousands of children throughout Panama. This was the largest baseball and softball equipment donation in the history of Panama. PIFBS partners Wilson Sporting Goods, EvoShield, and Under Armour, helped provide these groups with pants, cleats, bats, catcher's gear, and much more. This equipment will be used to grow the game throughout the country, giving thousands of kids the opportunity to play ball.

#### AMORY HIGH SCHOOL – WILSON SPORTING GOODS

In late March 2023, Amory, Mississippi was struck by a tornado that brought unprecedented damage to the town and nearly destroyed the local high school. Additionally, the baseball field was destroyed along with all of their equipment. This devastation, however, was not enough to stop the Amory High School baseball team from competing last season. PIFBS and Wilson Sporting Goods joined forces, donating over \$5,000 in equipment so they could continue their season and get their kids back out on the diamond. Against all odds, the team went on to win the state championship! The resiliency of this group is an example of the power baseball and softball have to bring communities together to momentarily escape the hardships they are facing.



#### MLB/MLBPA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (YDF)

The Youth Development Foundation (YDF) is a joint venture between MLB and the Players Association to help support the growth of youth baseball and softball programs. This past year YDF and Pitch In For Baseball & Softball entered a fourth year of formal partnership to support the equipment needs for under-resourced communities across the United States. In 2023, this unique collaboration helped 13 groups. Over \$135,000 worth of equipment was donated to various schools, youth groups, and other programs from Pennsylvania all the way to New Mexico.

#### LOS ANGELES DODGERS

When the Los Angeles Dodgers launched Dodgers RBI (now Dodgers Dream Team) in 2015, they made an ambitious goal to reach 10,000 kids within five years. After reaching that goal, they expanded, aiming to serve 25,000 children by 2030. After slowing efforts for a short period due to the Pandemic, the Dodgers Foundation program came back stronger than ever in 2023, resuming the pre-pandemic growth trajectory. In 2023, the Dodgers and PIFBS partnered to equip over 500 teams in the greater Los Angeles area.

#### NEW YORK METS

2023 marked the sixth year of partnership between The Amazin' Mets Foundation and Pitch In For Baseball & Softball. The Mets continue to support youth baseball, softball, and tee-ball leagues within each of the six locations their club has a presence, including Port St. Lucie (Florida) Syracuse (NY), Queens (NY), Brooklyn (NY), and Boca Chica (Dominican Republic). This year, the Mets also added donations in Puerto Rico, targeting specifically the hometowns of their star players, Edwin Diaz and Francisco Lindor. In total, over 250 baseball, softball, and tee-ball equipment kits were distributed in the communities that are most meaningful to the New York Mets organization.

#### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL RBI

Major League Baseball's Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program focuses on increasing baseball and softball participation in the urban communities across the country. Pitch In For Baseball & Softball have been providing support to these efforts since our earliest years, getting much needed gear to these groups. In 2023, PIFBS helped MLB support more than 2,700 kids with the equipment needed to play ball. One of the largest projects of 2023 involved the newly formed Cardinals RBI in St. Louis. Starting the program without equipment, MLB and PIFBS worked to supply the group with the needed gear to hold their first season! In total, over \$125,000 worth of equipment was distributed to RBI programs across the country.

# **PRO PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS**

#### JOSÉ RAMÍREZ

Earlier this year, PIFBS proudly partnered with the Cleveland Guardians and José Ramírez to host a "Guardians Around the Horn" Baseball clinic in the Dominican Republic in Jose Ramirez's hometown of Baní. This clinic provided both valuable baseball lessons and equipment to 200 kids. With support from Wilson Sporting Goods, over \$40,000 worth of equipment was donated to help continue to grow the game in the Dominican Republic!

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#### LUCAS GILBREATH

In a multi-partner project that included PIFBS, Wilson Sporting Goods, MLB Players Trust, and non-profit A Precious Child, Colorado Rockies P Lucas Gilbreath hosted a baseball clinic in Denver, CO. More than 100 kids participated in this clinic to learn new skills and build self-confidence! PIFBS donated over \$15,000 in equipment to help expand the game of baseball.



#### **ALESHIA OCASIO**

This year featured the first ever AO8 Clinic & Equipment donation partnership with Aleshia Ocasio & Major League Baseball. Generously hosted by Jackie Robinson Training Complex, this clinic supported 100 girls around Vero Beach, FL to learn from professional softball player Aleshia Ocasio! In partnership with Wilson Sporting Goods, PIFBS donated nearly \$20,000 in equipment. This one-day clinic supported 100 girls with the gear needed to play ball and hopefully left feeling confident, energized & empowered.







#### **ELOY JIMÉNEZ**

PIFBS partnered with Eloy and Rep 1 (now known as Klutch Sports) to distribute equipment to children who now play baseball on his home field in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. In 2023, Klutch Sports and PIFBS began working together to deliver equipment directly to player's hometowns. Eloy also generously donated items that were used to raise money for PIFBS' 3rd Annual Online Auction.



#### **EDWIN DIAZ**

In partnership with the Amazin' Mets Foundation and their Futuras Estrellas program, PIFBS traveled to Puerto Rico to donate brand new equipment to 50 baseball and softball teams. Equipment was distributed in Guanica, Naguabo, and Caguas, spanning 250 miles and impacting nearly 800 children in one day!

Naguabo is the hometown of New York Mets closer, Edwin Diaz, who spent the day distributing equipment to kids on the same field Diaz grew up playing on as a child.



# SERVICE PROJECTS

# SHAILEN M. | CALIFORNIA

"As an umpire and player for nearly all my life, I always loved baseball and wanted to help others who are less fortunate to play the game, and PIFBS offered a great opportunity to do so. I organized a drive and with the help of local leagues and friends, I am excited to say I have collected equipment that can let others have a chance to play." – Shailen M.



## FARRAH B. | ILLINOIS

In 2023, Farrah took a road trip from Illinois to PIFBS headquarters in Warminster, PA to make an equipment donation! Farrah celebrated her 13th birthday by having a softballthemed bat mitzvah. She thought it would be a great idea if she could combine her love for softball with her mitzvah project, so she collected equipment to help girls play ball!



# **MVP AWARDS**

Starting in 2021, PIFBS launched an annual award program to recognize the amazing donors, grantees, partners, and ambassadors, that played an integral part in helping kids remain on the field. These awards highlight the exemplary work they have done to help over 207,000 kids play ball in 2023.





#### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD All-Star Sports Academy

This award recognizes a first-time donor, partner, organization, or ambassador who made a significant contribution to PIFBS. This could be recognizing a generous equipment donation, fundraiser or monetary gift, or awareness-building efforts.

All-Star Sports Academy (ASSA) is the premier baseball and softball development organization with over 20 years of experience and six training centers across PA and NJ. In 2023, PIFBS launched a partnership with ASSA to raise funds, collect equipment, and build awareness to help kids access the game.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL MVP AWARD MLB Players Trust

This award recognizes an organization that made a significant contribution to PIFBS. This could be recognizing a generous equipment donation, a fundraiser or a monetary gift, or awarenessbuilding efforts.

The Players Trust joined PIFBS as a new partner in 2023. The MLB Players Trust amplifies the positive impact MLB Players make in the lifelong well-being of others to include providing next generation youth and young leaders with the tools and resources to learn and grow through the sport they love. Together, PIFBS and the Players Trust were involved in multiple projects in 2023 to help kids gain access to the game.

#### EQUIPMENT DONOR MVP AWARD Little League

This award recognizes an organization that led efforts in a significant equipment donation to PIFBS.

Little League was the very first partnership in Pitch In For Baseball & Softball history. After nearly 20 years, Little League continues to be one of PIFBS' strongest supporters. In 2023, Little League donated over 4,000 pieces of equipment including hundreds of helmets, balls, and training aids which helps thousands of kids. Little League also conducts outreach campaigns to encourage equipment donations from their leagues.



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#### EQUIPMENT MVP AWARD PIFBS Club at Mamaroneck High School

This award recognizes a donor or ambassador who led efforts in a significant equipment donation to PIFBS.

This year's recipient is the student-led PIFBS Club at Mamaroneck High School. This group organized over 50 high school volunteers to donate three pallets worth of equipment! This group returned later in the year to volunteer their time to sort through thousands of pieces of donated equipment.

# FUNDRAISING MVP AWARD Zander S.

This award recognizes a donor or ambassador who led a fundraising campaign to support PIFBS' mission.

Zander S. (Sherman Oaks, CA) was motivated to complete his Mitzvah project with PIFBS "I took a look at all of my baseball equipment, and I was thinking about how expensive it was. I realized that I am lucky and that many kids aren't as lucky as me." His efforts led to him raising nearly \$2,000!

#### TEAM MVP AWARD Cleveland Guardians

This award recognizes a Major League Baseball team that has contributed to PIFBS in a significant way such as by providing significant partnership programming, providing awarenessbuilding opportunities, or any other significant contributions.

PIFBS and the Guardians began working together in 2022 to support youth baseball and softball through the City of Cleveland recreation programs. In January 2023, the Guardians hosted a "Guardians Around the Horn" Baseball clinic in the Dominican Republic in Jose Ramirez's hometown of Bani. With a generous donation from Wilson Sporting Goods, PIFBS donated nearly \$40,000 in equipment benefiting more than 200 children. Additionally, the Guardians also generously hosted a suite fundraiser for PIFBS.

# **MVP AWARDS**



#### EQUIPMENT GRANTEE MVP AWARD Krushers Fastpitch

This award recognizes a program that received a PIFBS equipment grant. This program provided an impact report that exemplifies the mission of PIFBS and the differences that baseball/softball can bring to a child.

Jessica, age 14, found her confidence through the Pitch In For Baseball & Softball equipment donation that included Warstic bats. The majority of Jessica's early childhood was spent fighting for her safety and protecting her siblings. Due to a tumultuous situation and unfortunate events, Jessica was separated from her siblings, handed over to the system, and lost contact with her family.

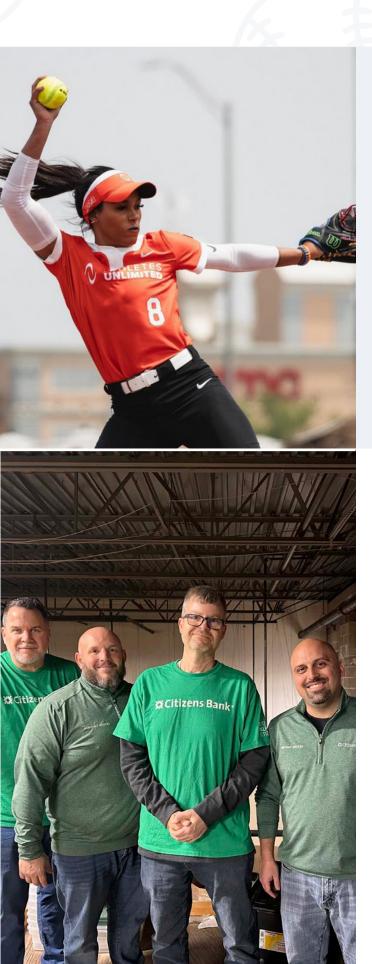
Jessica's kind heart and resiliency have carried her through the past eight (8) years, but softball has instilled a sense of confidence and pride in herself. She was gifted one of the Warstic bats which holds near and dear to her heart. Softball has given Jessica something to look forward to and feel proud of, and helped increase her drive and passion for the game and life.

#### BASEBALL AMBASSADOR MVP AWARD Eloy Jiménez

This award recognizes a donor or ambassador within the baseball world who has made a significant contribution to PIFBS. This could be an equipment donation, monetary donation, or an awareness-building initiative.

This year's honor is being awarded to Chicago White Sox OF, Eloy Jiménez. PIFBS partnered with Eloy and KLUTCH Sports Group's Baseball Division (formerly Rep 1 Baseball) to distribute equipment to children who now play baseball on the field he played on as a child. In 2023, KLUTCH, Eloy, and PIFBS began working together to support equipmentfocused projects in player's hometowns to support kids in need. Eloy also generously donated items that were used to raise money for PIFBS' 3rd Annual Online Auction. His continued support goes above and beyond and is why he has been selected as this year's honoree.





#### SOFTBALL AMBASSADOR MVP AWARD Athletes Unlimited

This award recognizes a donor or ambassador within the softball world who has made a significant contribution to PIFBS. This could be an equipment donation, monetary donation, or an awareness-building initiative. This year's winner is Athletes Unlimited!

Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball is a women's professional softball league that changes the game into can't-miss-athing, action-packed moments you've never seen before. Athletes select a charity of their choice to support, as each win they earn leads to a donation to their respective charity. Professional softball player, Aleshia Ocasio, selected PIFBS as her charity of choice, which raised over \$4,800! During their games, Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball also helped to build awareness of PIFBS during their games.

#### VOLUNTEER MVP AWARD Citizens Bank

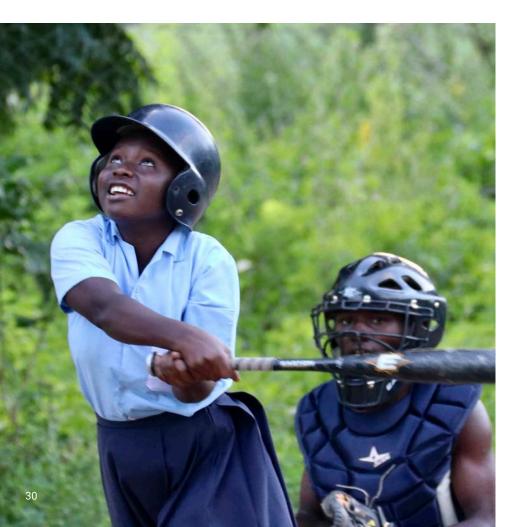
This award recognizes a notable donor or organization that donated their time to assist PIFBS with warehouse or event activities.

Citizens Bank and PIFBS has had a relationship for years, but deepened the partnership by adding employee engagement. In 2023, Citizens Bank employees volunteered on two different occasions to support PIFBS' operations team helping to pack equipment for kids in Puerto Rico and assist with the arduous task of counting inventory for the annual audit. In addition to the volunteer support, Citizens Bank was also a sponsor of PIFBS' inaugural Top Golf event.

# **EQUIPMENT DONORS**

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