



Let's Play Ball!

2017 Annual Report



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Boys and Girls with Special Needs Playing Ball with a Buddy

Hello Buddy Baseball Fans,

2017 was another year of growth and awareness for the league, and I'm touched by the number of returning players and buddies year after year. I've heard many stories of parents saying that their children are sad when the season is over and can't wait for the next season to start. That tells me we have a great program. We wouldn't have such an extraordinary program if not for the commitment from everybody involved in the league. From the buddies to the coaches, from the volunteers to the ground crew, the sponsors and the parents, along with the City of Temple Terrace and our Board of Directors – it's truly a team effort.

The major highlight of 2017 was the city of Temple Terrace securing funding to build a synthetic rubber surface handicapped accessible field for our league. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2018. Other notable highlights included our partnership with Congregation Beth Am for the 7th Annual Buddy Run which netted \$8,700 for the league – the most yet. Thanks to the generosity of one of our Buddy Baseball families, we were able to award three graduating seniors \$750 scholarships, compared to two scholarships the prior year.

The fall of 2018 will be the start of our 10th year of Buddy Baseball. We'll kick off the season with a fun-filled day celebrating such a significant milestone.

We're proud to continue to offer such a high-quality experience to the special needs community.

Sincerely,
Russ Oberbroeckling
Executive Director



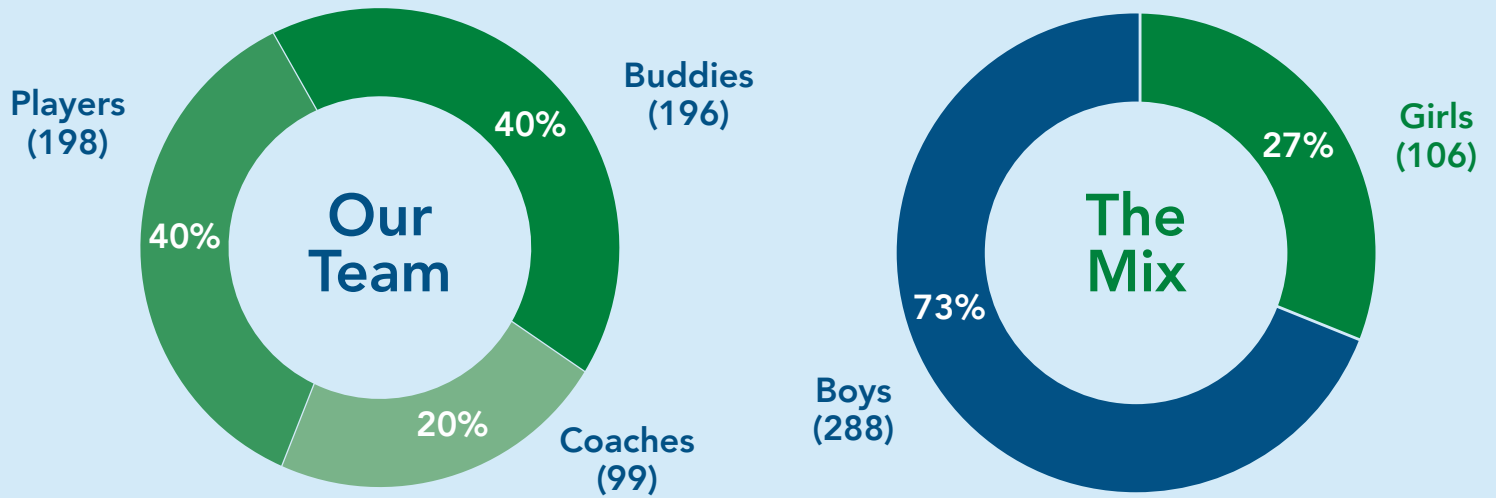
"My son looks forward to the game each week. It encourages him and helps with his self esteem. We are so thankful for the excellent job each person that volunteers and contributes. This has been life changing for my son. He really loves Buddy Baseball."

Player Parent

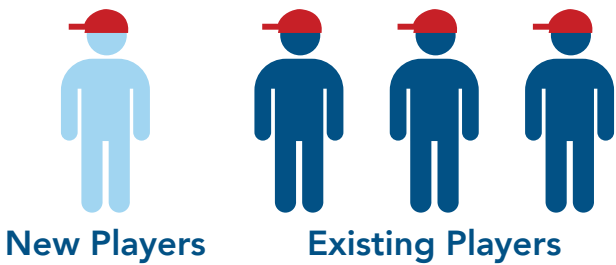


Making a Difference in 2017

Buddy Baseball is a non-competitive recreational league for boys and girls ages 8 to 22 with special needs. Each player is paired with a buddy to assist them on the field and in the dugout. The league runs for seven weeks with a Spring and Fall season.



25% Were New Participants



127

Public, private and special needs schools represented by players and buddies

Players receiving financial assistance

17%

394

Players & Buddies

Average Age

14

16

Teams for Spring Season

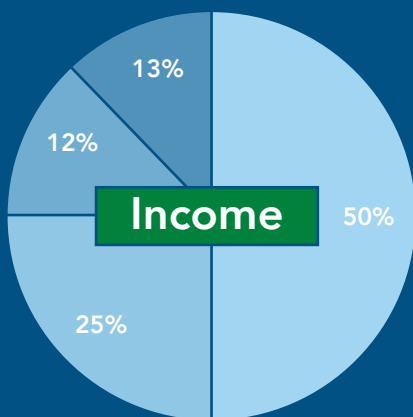
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Teams for Fall Season

112

Games

Keeping the League Running Successfully

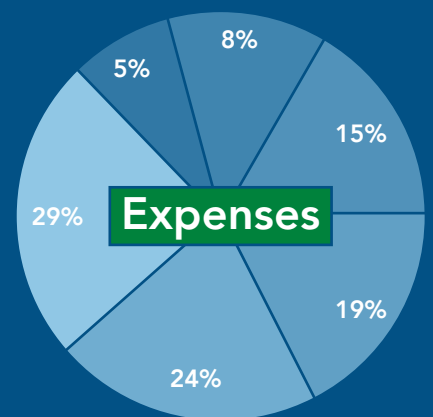


Income

Sponsorships	50%
Donations	25%
Buddy Run	13%
Registration	12%

Expenses

Uniforms/Trophies	29%
Events	24%
League Expenses	19%
Administrative	15%
Promotion	8%
Scholarships	5%



Thank You to Our 2017 Sponsors

Buddy Baseball could not operate without the generosity of our sponsors. With 198 players and 295 buddies and coaches, that equates to hundreds of home runs, countless smiles and immeasurable friendships our sponsors help bring to the entire Buddy Baseball community.



Sponsors and Supporters

15+ Seasons

Alvarez Roofing	Double
CJN&W CPAs	Single
Gibbs & Parnell, P.A.	Single
Tampa Machinery Auction	Single
The Sod Depot	Single
Caspers Company - McDonalds Restaurants	In Kind

10+ Seasons

Congregation Beth Am	Grand Slam
Tampa Bay Rays	Grand Slam
Tampa Electric Big Bend Station	Grand Slam
TECO Energy Foundation	Grand Slam
Tampa Steel Erecting Company	Home Run
Dr. Duga Dr. Feeney Pediatric Dentistry	Double
Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club	Double
Choinque LLC	Single
Dick's Sporting Goods	Single
Drummond Wehle LLP	Single
Gaspar's Patio Bar & Grille	Single
Montefu Consulting	Single
Tracy Johnston and Associates, Inc.	Single

A special thanks to the City of Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation for their continued support.

5+ Seasons

The Brink Foundation	Grand Slam
Florida Medical Clinic - Foundation of Caring	Grand Slam
Ward Mitchell Attorneys at Law	Grand Slam
Tampa Bay Hearing and Balance Center	Double
Andrew's Family	Single
Image Depot Express	Single
MCC	Single
One Team Financial Group	Single
Tampa Metro Civitan Club	Single
Temple Terrace Mason Lodge # 330	Single

1 to 4 Seasons

Friends of Tampa Firefighters Inc	Grand Slam
TBIG Insurance	Grand Slam
Bichler, Oliver, Longo & Fox, PLLC	Double
House of Floors	Double
Law Office of Tim Taylor	Double
Rotary Club of Tampa North	Double
Capture LLC	Single
Clearshine Window Washing Service	Single
Disability Resource Hub	Single
Home Instead Senior Care	Single
Law Offices of Robert Geller P.A.	Single
Quantex Home Inspections	Single
Republic Bank	Single
Steve & Mallory Gerstein	Single

Recognizing 2017 Achievements

- Buddy Baseball featured on cover of premier issue of *Disability Resource Hub* publication
- City of Temple Terrace and Buddy Baseball secured funding to build handicap accessible field
- Tampa Bay Rays' DJ Kitty and Raymond made guest appearances
- Tampa Bay Rays radio announcer Dave Wills announced two games
- Minor League Baseball donated cash, gloves and bags
- Awarded three \$750 college scholarships and nine \$100 scholarships to buddies
- Participated in WEDU Breakthrough to Hope Town Hall Meeting
- More than 1000 Facebook likes and 191 Instagram followers
- Congregation Beth Am donated \$8,700 from the 7th Annual Buddy Run – the most ever
- Fox 13's Russell Rhodes announced Buddy Run for sixth consecutive year
- Player and buddy tossed out first pitch at Steinbrenner, Sunlake, Corbet Prep and Tampa Catholic High Schools and USF Baseball
- Barry Clements, Executive Director/COO USF Athletics, and Dennis Mueller, long-time volunteer and player parent, joined board
- Pilot Bank joined the Sertoma Club and Tampa North Rotary Club to conduct game cookouts

Sponsorship Levels

Grand Slam	\$2,500
Home Run	\$1,000
Double	\$500
Single	\$250

