



Let's Play Ball!

2019 Annual Report



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Boys and Girls with Special Needs Playing Ball with a Buddy



Hello Buddy Baseball Fans!

2019 brought Buddy Baseball's 10th anniversary. Our league has grown and changed immensely since we first started in the fall of 2009 with six teams. This year we had 16 teams for the spring season and 20 teams for the fall season. We've come a long way!

Our Sarah Otteson Buddy Scholarship program continues and is much appreciated by the families. This past spring, the three \$1,000 winners and our honorable mention applicants, brought our award total to \$15,000 in scholarship funds to college-bound graduating seniors.

Buddy Baseball had a busy summer. In addition to our annual participation in the Temple Terrace 4th of July Parade, we also participated in the Rays Baseball Magic Clinic. The Rays put on this event for Buddy Baseball and the Miracle League of St. Petersburg. The Rays are the only Major League Baseball team that we are aware of to host a clinic for children with special needs. Our players, buddies and coaches had a game on the Rays field at Tropicana Stadium with hitting, fielding and throwing instruction from coaches at Eckerd College. Complete with lunch and a visit from Rays mascot DJ Kitty, a fantastic time was had by all.

Our biggest milestone of 2019 was the groundbreaking of our new all-accessible synthetic turf field. This initiative is a partnership between Buddy Baseball and the City of Temple Terrace with support from Hillsborough County Schools, Hillsborough County and the State of Florida. The construction ran through our fall season, and the new field will be ready for play for the spring 2020 season. We converted the outfield of the main grass field into a third field. Increasing from two to three fields will accommodate the growth of our league and our ten games each Saturday of the season.

2020 is going to be another big year for us. We are looking forward to playing on our new synthetic turf field, which will allow us to better accommodate people with mobility challenges. With the new field and media coverage, we expect to see even more growth in the league for 2020. With all that is happening in the Buddy Baseball world, be sure to stay in touch with the league through our newsletter, Facebook and Instagram pages. PLAY BALL!!

Sincerely,
Russ Oberbroeckling
Executive Director

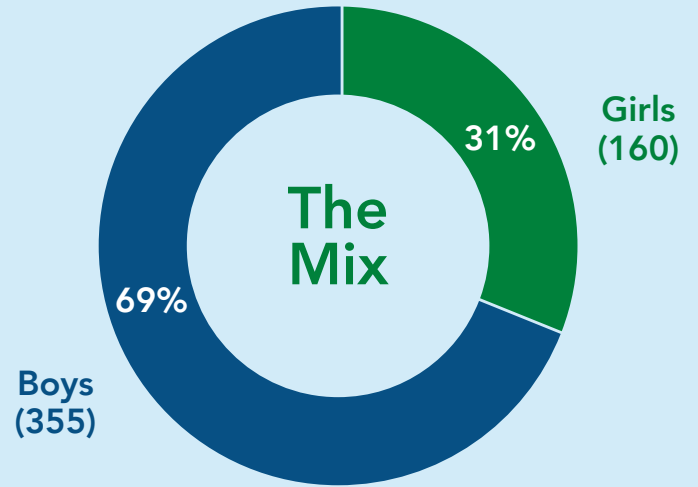
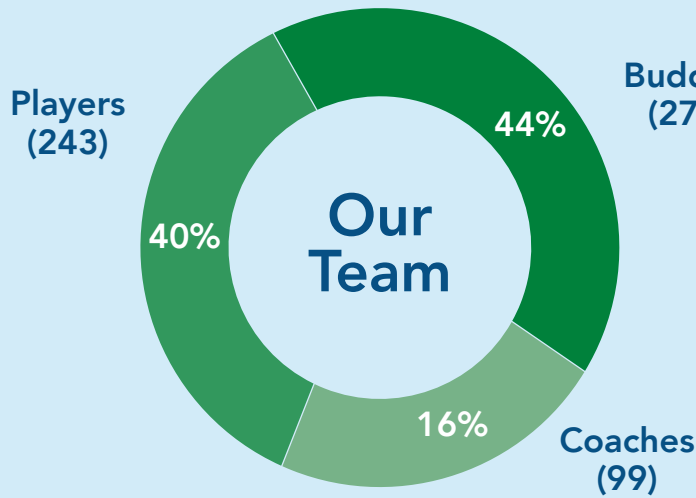
"It's such a great source of confidence for my son. He feels secure in this environment. It's so nice to create and foster friendships that feel natural. Two buddies enjoying a game of ball together. It's a win-win, and we're forever grateful for this."

Player Parent

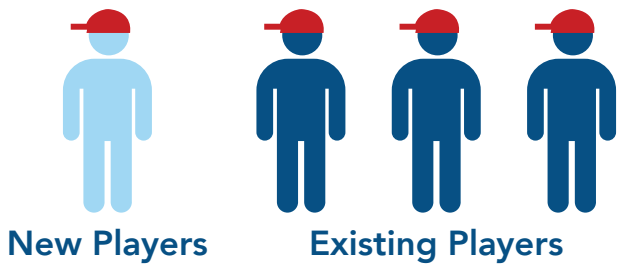


Making a Difference in 2019

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.



28% Were New Participants



144

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

Players receiving financial assistance

23%

515

Players & Buddies

Average Age

14

16

Teams for Spring Season

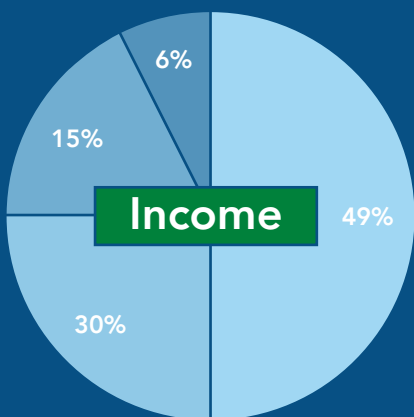
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Teams for Fall Season

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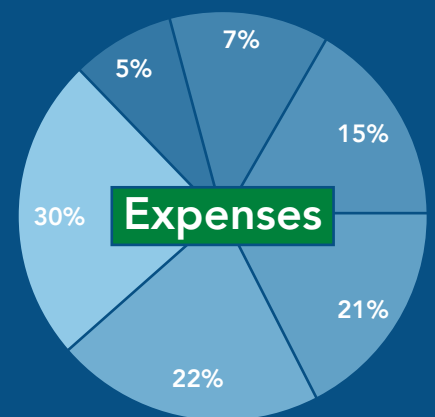
Games

Keeping the League Running Successfully



Income	
Sponsorships	49%
Donations	30%
Registration	15%
Buddy Run	6%

Expenses	
Uniforms/Trophies	30%
Events	22%
League Expenses	21%
Administrative	15%
Promotion	7%
Scholarships	5%



Thank You to Our 2019 Sponsors

Buddy Baseball could not operate without the generosity of our sponsors. With 243 players and 371 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

20+ Seasons

Caspers Company - McDonalds Restaurants	In Kind
CJN&W CPAs	Single
Tampa Bay Rays	Grand Slam
Tampa Machinery Auction	Single

15+ Seasons

Alvarez Roofing	Double
Choinque LLC	Single
Congregation Beth Am	Grand Slam
Drummond Wehle Yonge	Single
Gibbs & Parnell, P.A.	Single
Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club	Double
Tampa Electric Big Bend Station	Grand Slam
Tampa Steel Erecting Company	Grand Slam
The Sod Depot	Single

10+ Seasons

Andrew's Family	Double
Dr. Duga, Dr. Feeney Pediatric Dentistry	Double
Gaspar's Patio Bar & Grille	Single
MCC	Single
Pilot Bank	Single
Tampa Metro Civitan Club	Single
TECO Energy Foundation	Grand Slam
The Brink Foundation	Grand Slam
Tracy Johnston & Associates	Single

5+ Seasons

Chick Fil A - Temple Terrace	In Kind
Clearshine Window Washing Service	Single
DeBartolo Family Foundation	Single
Dick's Sporting Goods	Single
Florida Medical Clinic	Grand Slam
Friends of Firefighters	Grand Slam
Image Depot Express	Single
Law Office of Robert Geller	Single
Law Office of Tim Taylor	Double
One Team Financial Group	Single
Tampa North Rotary	Double
Temple Terrace Masonic Lodge	Single

1 to 4 Seasons

A Plus Medicare	Grand Slam
Allied American	Single
Disability Resource Hub	Single
Eric Hodz's Birthday Donation	Single
GFWC Temple Terrace Junior Women	Single
Gibbons Neuman	Single
Kennedy Investments	Double
Mortellaro Law	Grand Slam
Oliver & Fox, P.A.	Double
Schneider Family	Double
Steve and Mallory Gerstein	Double
Sun Paints & Coatings	Double
Tampa Bay Psychiatry	Single
Tampa Pulmonary and Sleep Specialist	Double
The Battino Family	Double
The Fat Rabbit	Home Run
The Fountain Group	Triple

Recognizing 2019 Highlights

- 🍌 Buddy Lexi Kilfoyl named Florida Gatorade Player of Year for the second consecutive year and donated her \$1,000 grant to Buddy Baseball
- 🍌 Buddies logged 3,000+ community service hours to total 25,000+ service hours since 2009
- 🍌 Congregation Beth Am donated \$8,100 from the 9th Annual Buddy Run
- 🍌 The San Francisco Foundation donated \$5,000
- 🍌 Veterans presented the flag during Veterans Day weekend games
- 🍌 Participated in Rays Baseball Magic Clinic with highlight video having over 27,000 views
- 🍌 Largest ever Buddy Baseball End of Season Party with 350 attendees
- 🍌 Special Needs Planning presentation from local attorney to Buddy Baseball families
- 🍌 Summertime Bingo for Buddy Baseball families
- 🍌 Events attended to promote Buddy Baseball: Rays Fan Fest, Temple Terrace Business Expo, 4th of July Parade, Temple Terrace New Teacher Breakfast, Tampa Bay's 2nd Annual Autism Walk, Trek for Treasure, Great American Teach In, Ippolito Elementary and Beth Am Open Houses.
- 🍌 Speaker at local high schools and players threw first pitch at several High School baseball games.
- 🍌 Groundbreaking of new handicapped accessible fields for Buddy Baseball.

Sponsorship Levels

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

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

