



Let's Play Ball!

2018 Annual Report



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Boys and Girls with Special Needs Playing Ball with a Buddy



Hello Buddy Baseball Fans,

The fall of 2018 started our tenth year of Buddy Baseball! We established Buddy Baseball in the fall of 2009 with just six teams, 36 players with special needs and 38 buddies. We now have 16 teams with more than 100 players with special needs and over 100 buddies every season.

In 2018, we continued to build awareness of the league in the greater Tampa Bay area. We attended many community events, spoke at local civic clubs and appeared on television to promote the league. Charley Belcher – the star of “Charley’s World” on Fox 13 Good Day Tampa Bay – came out to the fields again this past summer. We were featured all morning on the show as we played a game and had four live interviews.

This past year with the help of a donation from one of our Buddy Baseball families, we awarded three graduating seniors \$1,000 scholarships. That’s more than a 30 percent increase in scholarship money from 2017. Since 2013, we have awarded more than \$10,000 in scholarships to our buddies.

We have been working with one of the parents in Buddy Baseball to start an adult league called Buddy Big Leagues. This league will offer our players who have aged out of Buddy Baseball an opportunity to continue to play, along with other adults with special needs. Buddy Big Leagues will begin in the spring of 2019.

The Tampa Bay Rays have invited us to be a part of their Fan Fest before their season starts. They have also asked us to work with them to conduct a baseball clinic for players with special needs at Tropicana Field, ending with a game on the field.

A goal for 2019 is recruiting more buddies through high school service clubs so we can have more teams to meet the growth of the players and expand to at least 18 teams.

Thanks to all our buddies, coaches, volunteers, sponsors and board of directors that make Buddy Baseball a success. 2019 is going to be another great year. **PLAY BALL!!**

Sincerely,
Russ Oberbroeckling
Executive Director

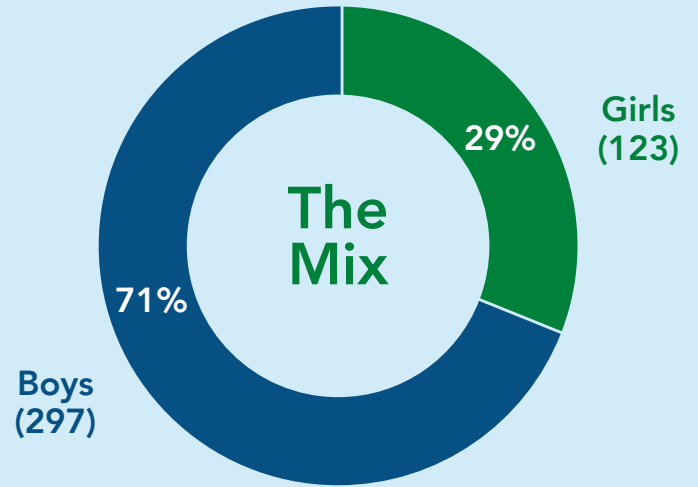
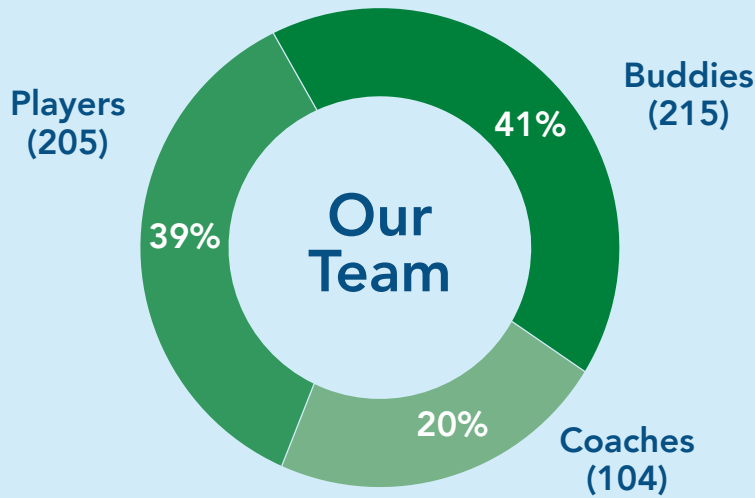
“I love how everyone goes the extra mile to ensure every kid has fun. You can feel how much they care. I love the community feel, the positive atmosphere and the safe environment for my child to have fun and learn sports skills.”

Player Parent

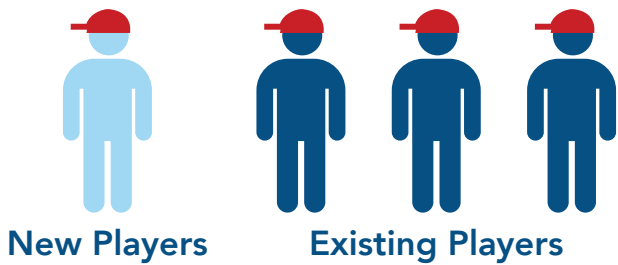


Making a Difference in 2018

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



120

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

Players receiving financial assistance

22%

420

Players & Buddies

Average Age

14

16

Teams for Spring Season

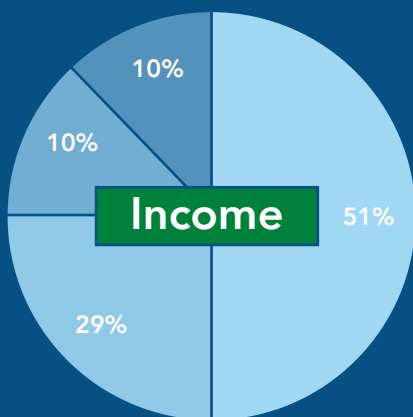
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Teams for Fall Season

112

Games

Keeping the League Running Successfully

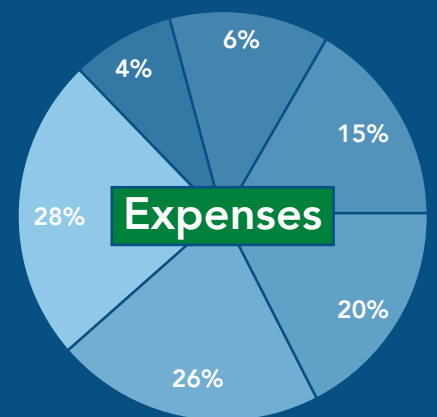


Income

Sponsorships	51%
Donations	29%
Buddy Run	10%
Registration	10%

Expenses

Uniforms/Trophies	28%
League Expenses	26%
Events	20%
Administrative	15%
Scholarships	6%
Promotion	4%



Thank You to Our 2018 Sponsors

Buddy Baseball could not operate without the generosity of our sponsors. With 205 players and 309 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
Caspers Company	In Kind
Choinque	Single
CJN&W CPAs	Single
Congregation Beth Am	Grand Slam
Gibbs & Parnell, P.A.	Single
Tampa Bay Rays	Grand Slam
Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club	Double
Tampa Electric Big Bend Station	Grand Slam
Tampa Machinery Auction	Single
The Sod Depot	Single

10+ Seasons

Andrew's Family	Double
Dr. Duga Dr. Feeney Pediatric Dentistry	Double
Drummond Wehle LLP	Single
Gaspar's Patio Bar & Grille	Single
MCC Health Insurance	Single
Montefu Consulting	Single
Pilot Bank	Single
Tampa Metro Civitan Club	Double
Tampa Steel Erecting Company	Home Run
TECO Energy Foundation	Grand Slam
The Brink Foundation	Grand Slam
Tracy Johnston & Associates	Single

5+ Seasons

DeBartolo Family Foundation	Single
Dick's Sporting Goods	Single
Florida Medical Clinic	Grand Slam
Image Depot Express	Single
Law Office of Robert Geller	Single
Temple Terrace Masonic Lodge	Single
Ward Mitchell Attorneys at law	Grand Slam

1 to 4 Seasons

Allied American Adjusting Company, LLC	Single
Clearshine Window Washing Service	Single
Courtesy Nissan of Tampa	Double
Disability Resource Hub	Single
Friends of Firefighters	Grand Slam
Gibbons Neuman	Single
Jason L. Fox Esquire	Double
Law Office of Tim Taylor	Double
One Team Financial Group	Single
Republic Bank	Single
Sanjay K. Madan MD PA	Grand Slam
Stanziani Family	Single
Steve and Mallory Gerstein	Double
Tampa North Rotary	Double
Tampa Pulmonary and Sleep Specialist	Single
The Battino Family	Double
The Corey Hemmert Family	Single
Law Office of Michelangelo Mortellaro, PA	Grand Slam

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

Recognizing 2018 Highlights

- Three \$1,000 and seven \$100 college scholarships awarded to buddies from our Sarah Ottosen Scholarship fund. More than \$10,000 in scholarships awarded since 2013.
- Congregation Beth Am donated \$8,700 from the 8th Annual Buddy Run.
- \$5,000 donations came from Bayside Charity Corp., Jewish Communal Fund and the San Francisco Project.
- Nine new sponsors joined the league.
- Tampa Bay Rays donated 200 tickets to a game for Buddy Baseball families and a suite for a board meeting.
- Tampa Bay Rays radio broadcaster Dave Wills announced Buddy Baseball games and Buddy Baseball's executive director interviewed on Tampa Bay Rays radio.
- Dunedin Blue Jays donated 50 tickets to games.
- Buddy Lexi Kilfoyl named the Florida Gatorade Softball Player of the Year and donated her \$1,000 grant to Buddy Baseball.
- Cookouts provided by Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club, Rotary Club of Tampa North and Pilot Bank.
- Fox 13 Good Day Tampa Bay featured Buddy Baseball on Charley's World during a game with four live interviews. Tampa Bay Rays Baseball Foundation Executive Director and mascot Raymond joined the fun.
- Events attended to promote Buddy Baseball included Temple Terrace Business Expo, Best Buddies Dance, Temple Terrace Relay For Life and Beth Am open house with speaking engagements at Civitan, Temple Terrace Juniorettes and Young Life New Tampa.

Sponsorship Levels

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

