



# Let's Play Ball!

## 2021 Annual Report





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Buddy Baseball is a 501(c)(3)  
nonprofit organization.



# Boys and Girls with Special Needs Playing Ball with a Buddy



Hello Buddy Baseball Fans:

**WE ARE BACK!** After only three weeks of play in 2020 we completed two full seasons in 2021. Our spring season had strict COVID-19 protocol safety measures that included a health screening tent before entering the ballpark with temperature checks. There were hand sanitizing stations around the grounds and the dugouts, bleachers and restrooms were sanitized before each game. We cannot thank our volunteer groups enough for helping at our health tent and throughout the ballpark.

In 2021 we played our 1,000th game of Buddy Baseball – it was the highlight of the year! Four local television stations covered the event joining us on the fields to do live interviews. It was great exposure for Buddy Baseball and the kids loved being in the spotlight!

We take enormous pride in what we have achieved over our past 24 seasons, and our sponsors and donors have assisted in this effort. Together, we have accomplished so much!

- 1,000+ games played
- 2,000 players with special needs have participated
- 2,100 buddies have assisted
- 1,000 coaches have dedicated their Saturdays
- 280 schools have participated
- 43,000 volunteer service hours have been logged
- \$21,000 awarded to graduating buddy scholarship winners

This upcoming season will be our 25th season, and we are honored to have so many people part of our league allowing us to continue to offer such a high-quality experience to these deserving children and families. **PLAY BALL!**

Sincerely,

Russ Oberbroeckling  
Executive Director

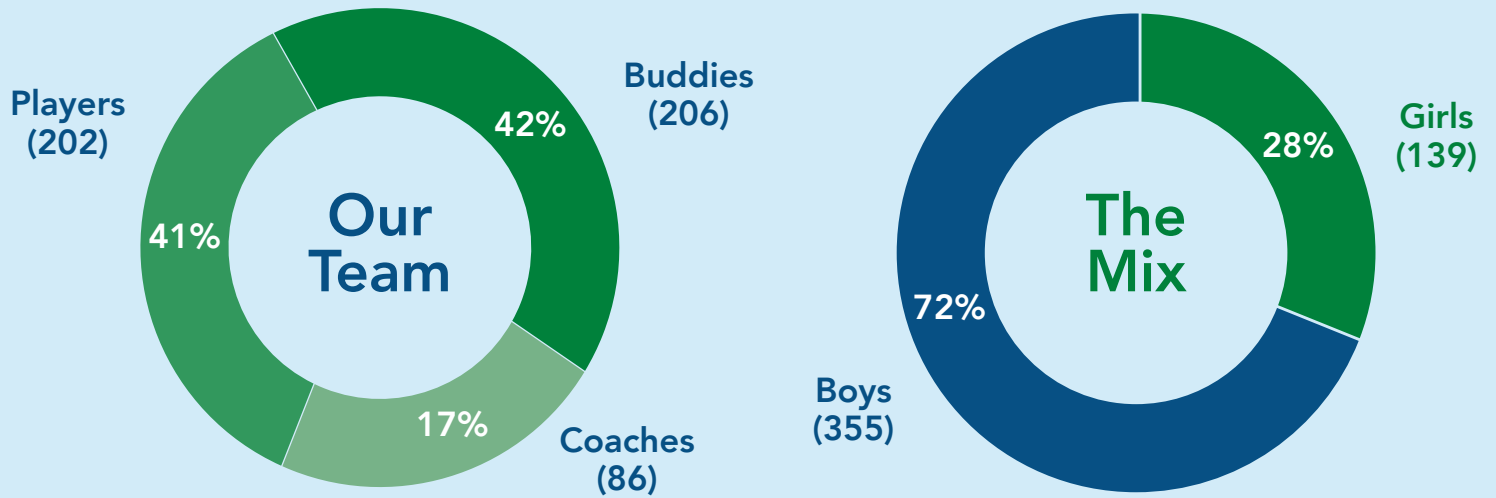
*"We love the all-inclusiveness and diversity. Everyone is treated very well, and there is always a positive vibe amongst everyone. This is the greatest thing that has happened to my boy!"*

*Player Parent*

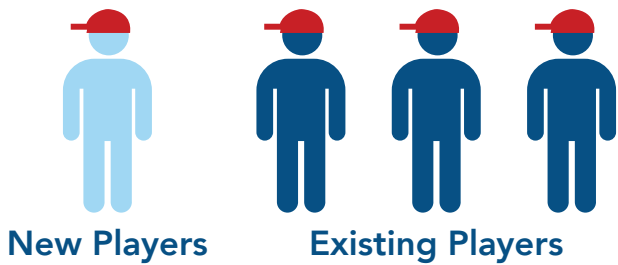


# Making a Difference in 2021

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



**125**

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

Players receiving financial assistance

**24%**

**408**

Players & Buddies

Average Age

**14.5**

**16**

Teams for Spring Season

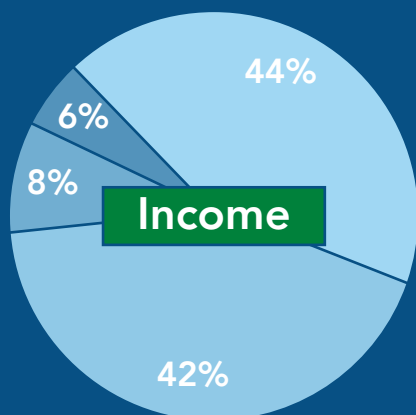
**16**

Teams for Fall Season

**112**

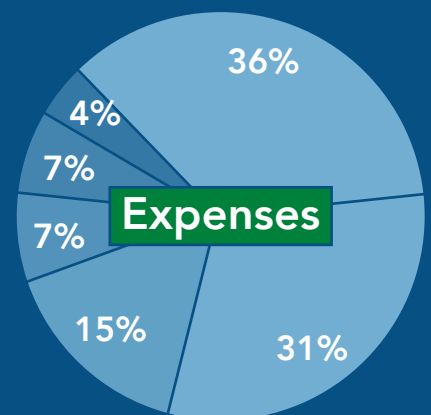
Games

## Keeping the League Running Successfully



Income	
Sponsorships	44%
Donations	42%
Registration	8%
Buddy Run	6%

Expenses	
League Expenses	36%
Uniforms/Trophies	31%
Administrative	15%
Events	7%
Scholarships	7%
Promotion	4%





# Thank You to Our 2021 Sponsors

Buddy Baseball could not operate without the generosity of our sponsors. With 202 players and 292 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

Alvarez Roofing	Home Run
Caspers Company	In Kind
Choinque	Single
Congregation Beth Am	Grand Slam
Gibbs & Parnell, P.A.	Single
James L Carlstedt, CPA, PA	Double
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

### 15+ Seasons

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

### 10+ Seasons

DeBartolo Family Foundation	Single
Image Depot Express	Single
Temple Terrace Masonic Lodge	Single

### 5+ Seasons

A Plus Medicare	Double
Chick Fil A - Temple Terrace	In Kind
Dick's Sporting Goods	Single
Disability Resource Hub	Single
Friends of Tampa Firefighters	Grand Slam
Gibbons Neuman	Single
Law Office of Robert Geller	Single
Law Office of Tim Taylor	Double
Mortellaro Law	Grand Slam
Oliver & Fox	Double
One Team Financial Group	Double
Steve and Mallory Gerstein	Double
Tampa Pulmonary and Sleep Specialist	Double
Temple Terrace Firefighters Benevolent	Grand Slam
The Battino Family	Double

### 1 to 4 Seasons

Baseball Card Clubhouse	Single
Blue Whale Junk Removal	Single
Diane and Arnold Ross	Grand Slam
Fizen Technology	Home Run
GFWC Temple Terrace Junior Woman's Club	Single
Live at Home Senior Care	Single
Parking Lot Services	Double
Rotary Club of Temple Terrace	Double
Schneider Family	Single
Sunshine Health	Home Run
The Fountain Group	Single
Trustwave Government	Single
Waste Connections	Home Run

## Recognizing 2021 Highlights

- Congregation Beth Am donated \$9,000 from the 11th annual Buddy Run
- The Jewish Communal Fund donated \$10,000
- Philadelphia Phillies baseball player Andrew McCutchen donated \$5,000 through Dick's Sporting Goods
- Five new sponsors joined the league
- Three \$1,000 and nine \$100 college scholarships awarded to buddies from the Sarah Otteson Scholarship Fund
- Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Shane McClanahan attended a game, pitched to the kids, and took pictures with everyone
- Tampa Bay Rays radio broadcaster Dave Wills announced games while mascot Raymond entertained at two games and Buddy Run
- Veterans presented the flag during the Veterans Day weekend games
- Cookouts provided by the Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club and Heights Meat Market
- Temple Terrace Juniorettes served ice cream for the last game of the fall season
- Three handicapped parking spots added for those needing to be closer to entrance gate
- Celebrated July 4th participating in the Temple Terrace parade

### Sponsorship Levels

Grand Slam	\$2,500
Home Run	\$1,000
Triple	\$750
Double	\$500
Single	\$250

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

