



Let's Play Ball!!

2022 Annual Report



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Boys and Girls with Special Needs Playing Ball with a Buddy



Hello Buddy Baseball Fans,

What a great year we had! Our 25th and 26th seasons. The league grows every year, and this year was no exception. We had 144 players with special needs participating in our fall season and 10 players on our wait list. We had the most eight-year-olds (the minimum age to play) sign up than ever before. The positive experience of the league continues to spread throughout the community!

Here are a few of the comments from parents of first-time players about their experience with the league.

- Buddy Baseball gives the players high self-esteem and a chance to have fun with others in an accepting environment.
- Everyone is so kind; no stress about how your child behaves or performs.
- Everyone encourages each other no matter which team.
- My son has always had a hard time coming out of his shell. It has been great to see him being more interactive.

With your help, we were able to make all of this possible.

While having fun playing baseball, making new friends, enjoying cookouts and popcorn, we had another major highlight in 2022. The Tampa Bay Rays invited us to their Rays Magic Clinic at Tropicana Field. Our players and buddies were on the field receiving instruction on how to field, hit and throw. They also had an opportunity to have a game on the field, just like the Major Leaguers. Three Rays players joined us, and we wrapped up the day attending a game – all compliments of the Rays.

As we start our 15th year of Buddy Baseball, we are building a much needed 16' x 20' pavilion between the two fields for birthday parties and team get togethers, thanks to generous donors. Our league is all about inclusion, acceptance, the kids having fun playing baseball, being with friends and making new friends. This will be the ideal gathering spot before and after games. The shelter will include an ADA accessible picnic table and standard picnic table so all can enjoy.

It's going to be a great year! PLAY BALL!!

Sincerely,

Russ Oberbroeckling
Executive Director

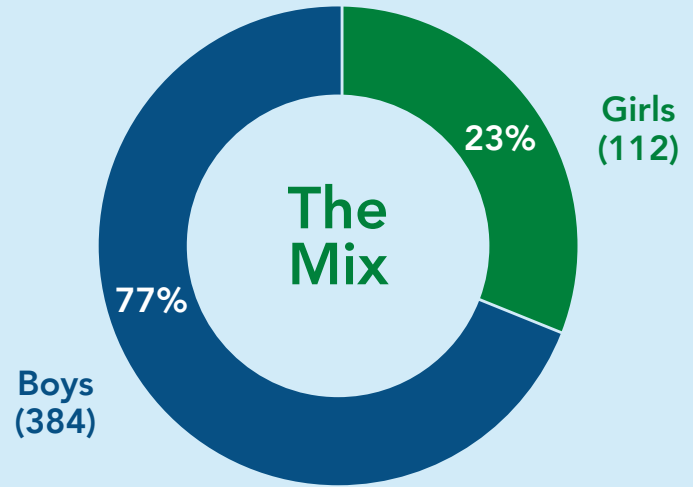
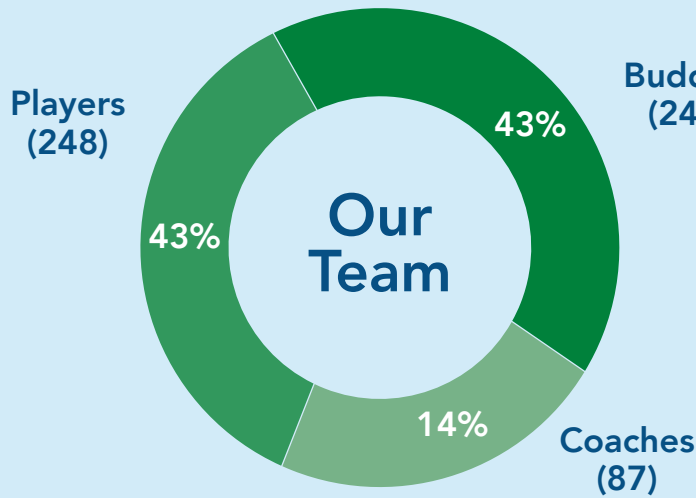
Thank you Buddy Baseball for existing. I have seen a side of my child I have never seen before!! Lucas had an amazing time! Thanks for giving him the Game Ball. Go PIRATES!!

Player Parent

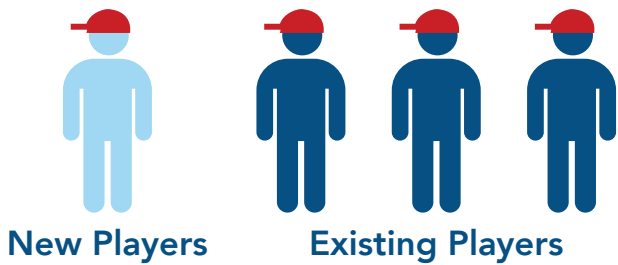


Making a Difference in 2022

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.



27% Were New Participants



103

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

Players receiving financial assistance

17%

496

Players & Buddies

Average Age

14

16

Teams for Spring Season

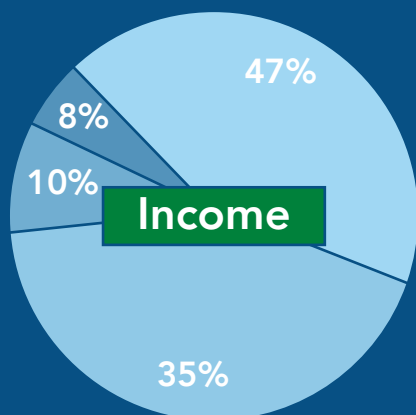
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Teams for Fall Season

112

Games

Keeping the League Running Successfully

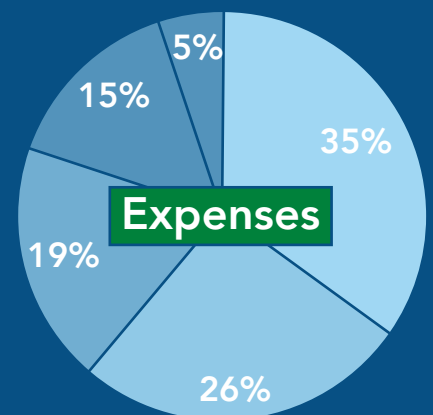


Income

Donation	47%
Sponsorship	35%
Registration	10%
Buddy Run	8%

Expenses

Uniforms/Trophies	35%
League Expenses	26%
Events	19%
Administration	15%
Scholarships	5%



Thank You to Our 2022 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

25+ Seasons

City of Temple Terrace
James L Carlstedt, CPA, PA
Tampa Bay Rays
Tampa Machinery Auction

In Kind
Home Run
Grand Slam
Single

20+ Seasons

Alvarez Roofing
Choinque
Congregation Beth Am
Drummond Wehle Yonge
Gibbs & Parnell, P.A.
Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club
Tampa Electric Big Bend Station
The Sod Depot

Home Run
Single
Grand Slam
Single
Single
Double
Grand Slam
Single

15+ Seasons

Andrew's Family
Dr. Duga Dr. Feeney Pediatric Dentistry
Gaspar's Patio Bar & Grille
Lake Michigan Credit Union
MCC
Tampa Metro Civitan Club
The Brink Foundation
Tracy Johnston & Associates

Double
Double
Single
Single
Single
Single
Grand Slam
Single

10+ Seasons

DeBartolo Family Foundation
Friends of Tampa Firefighters Inc.
Image Depot Express
Law Office of Robert Geller
Law Office of Tim Taylor
Steve and Mallory Gerstein
Temple Terrace Masonic Lodge

Single
Grand Slam
Single
Single
Double
Double
Single

5+ Seasons

Arnie and Diane Ross
Chick Fil A
GFWC Temple Terrace Junior Woman's Club
Gibbons Neuman
Mortellaro Law
Oliver & Fox
One Team Financial Group
Tampa Pulmonary and Sleep Specialist
Temple Terrace Firefighters Benevolent
The Battino Family
The Guthman Family

Grand Slam
In Kind
Single
Single
Grand Slam
Double
Double
Double
Grand Slam
Double
Single

1 to 4 Seasons

American Fabric Filter Co.
Bertic Home Improvements
Charitable Signatures
Children's Medical Services Health Plan
Fizen Technology
Focus Academy
Live at Home Senior Care
Nature Coast Sports Card Show
PIM Scrap
Ramada by Wyndham
Rotary Club of Temple Terrace
Sifter Parts & Service
Suncoast Credit Union Foundation
Tampa Bay Physical Therapy
The Costantino Family
The Goldman Family
The Schneider Family
Waste Connections

Double
Single
Grand Slam
Home Run
Home Run
Single
Single
Single
Single
Double
Double
Double
Grand Slam
Single
Double
Single
Single
Home Run

Recognizing 2022 Highlights

- 1,200 total games played
- 292 families participated in the league
- Congregation Beth Am donated \$9,500 from the 12th annual Buddy Run - over \$82,000 donated since 2011
- Jewish Communal Fund donated \$10,000
- The Outback Bowl donated \$5,000
- Three \$1,000 and seven \$100 college scholarships awarded to buddies from the Sarah Otteson Scholarship Fund - over \$25,000 awarded since 2013
- Nine new sponsors joined the league
- Active duty and retired Veterans presented the flag during the Veterans Day weekend games
- Celebrated July 4 participating in the Temple Terrace parade
- Tampa Bay Rays Radio broadcaster Dave Wills announced numerous games for the eighth year
- Two cookouts compliments of Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club and Lake Michigan Credit Union

Sponsorship Levels

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

