



Let's Play Ball!!

2023 Annual Report



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Boys and Girls with Special Needs Playing Ball with a Buddy



It has been another great year for Buddy Baseball! Our 15th year! We went from 16 teams in the Spring to 20 teams in the Fall season. That was an increase of 124 more participants than we had in 2022.

This past year we completed our picnic pavilion, and it is used every week for birthday parties, team get-togethers or a place for a family to hang out in the shade. It is a great addition to the league.

The highlight of the year was being awarded the “Community Hero” award from the Tampa Bay Lightning. We were treated to a wonderful night in a suite at a game with a few of our families and guests. We were presented with a \$50,000 check and plan on putting that money towards the construction of a second handicap accessible synthetic field.

The Tampa Bay Rays once again stepped up to support the league to the highest level. Not only did they continue to provide financial support, but for the third year they put on the Rays Magic Clinic for the league at Tropicana Field. This year they also had “Magic Mondays.” For the four Monday home games, we were able to invite players and their families from one of our teams to attend the game. We were down on the field for batting practice and had a chance to meet and talk with some of the players. Our players and coaches joined the Rays on the field for the National Anthem, then headed back up to a suite to enjoy the game with their families.

2024 is going to be another fantastic year for Buddy Baseball! PLAY BALL!!

Sincerely,

Russ Oberbroeckling
Executive Director

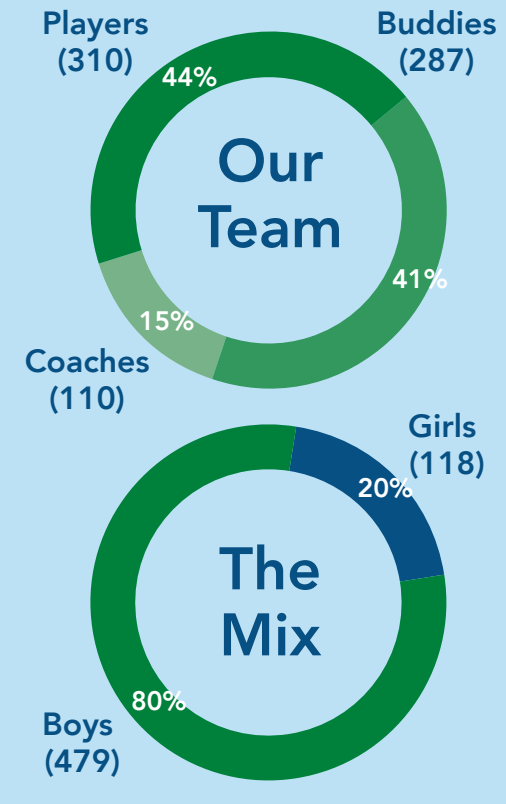
We are so thrilled to have DJ, a part of Buddy Baseball! Thank you for creating such a wonderful organization for kids like him. You gave him a home and he is so excited about coming there every weekend. I can't thank you enough for having the vision to get this started for children like DJ.

David S.

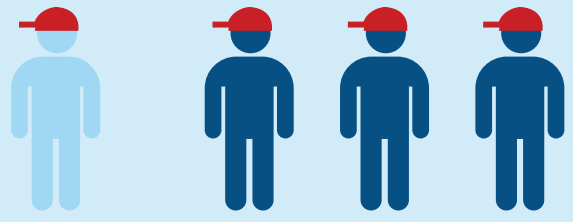


Making a Difference in 2023

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.



26% Were New Participants



New Players

Existing Players

Players receiving financial assistance

15%

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

152

597
Players & Buddies

Average Age
14

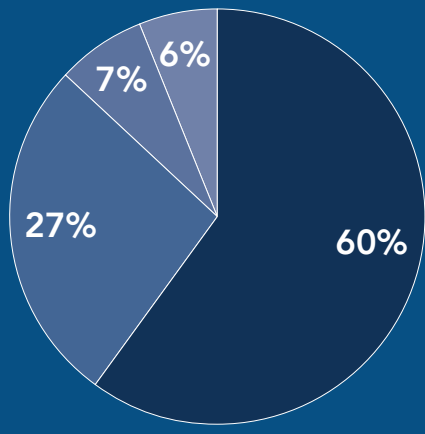
16 Teams for Spring Season

20 Teams for Fall Season

126 Games

Keeping the League Running Successfully

Income



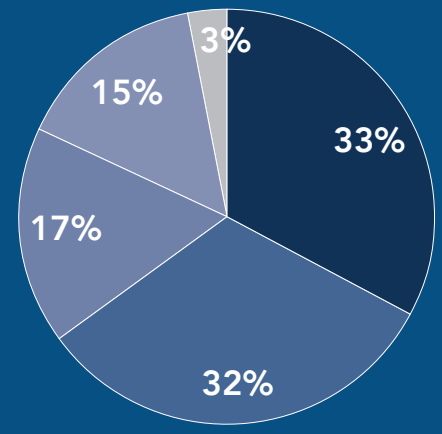
Income

Donations	60%
Sponsorships	27%
Buddy Run	7%
Registration	6%

Expenses

Uniforms/Trophies	33%
League Expenses	32%
Events	17%
Administration	15%
Scholarships	3%

Expenses



Thank You to Our 2023 Sponsors and Supporters

Buddy Baseball could not operate without the generosity of our sponsors and supporters. We appreciate your help!

Sponsorship Levels

Hall of Fame	\$10,000+	Triple	\$ 750
MVP	\$ 5,000	Double	\$ 500
Grand Slam	\$ 2,500	Single	\$ 250
Home Run	\$ 1,000		

Sponsors and Supporters

25+ Seasons

Alvarez Roofing	Home Run
Carlstedt, CPA, Precisely	Grand Slam
City of Temple Terrace	In Kind
Gibbs & Parnell, P.A.	Single
Tampa Bay Rays	Hall of Fame
Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club	Double
Tampa Electric Big Bend Station	MVP
Tampa Machinery Auction	Single
The Sod Depot	Single

20+ Seasons

Andrew's Family	Double
Choinque	Single
Congregation Beth Am	MVP
Dr. Duga Dr. Feeney Pediatric Dentistry	Double
Drummond Wehle Yonge	Single
Gaspar's Patio Bar & Grille	Single
Lake Michigan Credit Union	Double
Tampa Metro Civitan Club	Single
The Brink Foundation	Grand Slam
Tracy Johnston & Associates	Single

15+ Seasons

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

10+ Seasons

Chick Fil A Temple Terrace	In Kind
Dick's Sporting Goods	Home Run
Friends of Tampa Firefighters	Grand Slam
Gibbons Neuman	Single
Law Office of Robert Geller	Single
Law Office of Tim Taylor	Double
Oliver & Fox	Double

One Team Financial Group	Grand Slam
Steve and Mallory Gerstein	Home Run
Tampa Pulmonary and Sleep Specialist	Double
Temple Terrace Firefighters Benevolent	Grand Slam
The Battino Family	Double
The Guthman Family	Single

5+ Seasons

Diane and Arnold Ross	Hall of Fame
Fizen Technology	Home Run
GFWC Temple Terrace Junior Women	Single
Live at Home Senior Care	Single
Mortellaro Law	MVP
Rotary Club of Temple Terrace	Double
The Costantino Family	Double
The Schneider Family	MVP

1 to 4 Seasons

Alliance General Contracting	Single
American Fabric Filter Co.	Home Run
Anonymous	Hall of Fame
Bertic Home Improvements	Single
Cardwell Buck Family	Home Run
Charitable Signatures	Grand Slam
Down Syndrome of Tampa Bay	Double
Focus Academy	Single
G.L Polk & Company Inc	Double
Jon's Journey #strikeoutbatten	Single
Magazine & Light Law Group	Home Run
North 30th Sports Pub and Grille	Single
PIM Scrap	Single
Ramada by Wyndham	Double
Sifter Parts & Service	Double
The Goldman Family	Double
The Stanziani Family	Double

2023 Highlights

- Over 1,300 games played since 2009.
- Over 53,000 volunteer community service hours since 2009.
- Congregation Beth Am donated \$9300 from the 13th annual Buddy Run – over \$91,000 donated since 2011.
- Three \$1,000 and five \$100 college scholarships awarded to buddies from the Sarah Otteson Scholarship Fund – over \$29,000 awarded to 75 buddies since 2013.
- \$7,500 donation from MLB Charities on behalf of Shane McClanahan, Roberto Clemente nominee for the Tampa Bay Rays.
- \$10,000 donation from Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Zach Eflin – Big League Impact and \$10,000 matching donation from the Rays Win campaign.

