



Let's Play Ball!!

2024 Annual Report



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Boys and Girls with Special Needs Playing Ball with a Buddy



We are thrilled to share that we completed our 30th season and celebrated our 1400th game this past year! A true highlight was the dedication of one of our fields in memory of Tampa Bay Rays broadcaster Dave Wills. Dave, who often came out to announce our games, was a beloved figure in our community. In honor of his legacy, the field is now named "Dave Wills Field." Dave's wife and daughter had the honor of throwing out the first pitch on the field, and we hosted a private lunch reception for his family and friends.

Off the field, we had a variety of fun activities. These included our end-of-season bowling parties, participating in the Temple Terrace July 4th parade, attending Tampa Bay Rays games, and taking part in the Rays Baseball Magic Clinic and Magic Mondays. This year, we also introduced a new event: our "Back to School Bowling Party."

In addition, we made a fun new addition to our program by purchasing a freezer and stocking it with ice cream to treat the kids after the games. Unfortunately, Hurricane Milton had other plans! We lost power during the storm and had to throw out a lot of ice cream.

One of the things I truly enjoy about Buddy Baseball is the vibrant, positive atmosphere at the fields. There's nothing like seeing the smiles on the kids' faces, watching the coaches award the game ball to a player, the cookouts, freshly popped popcorn and celebrating the season with trophy presentations at the end.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support of Buddy Baseball. Your loyalty to our program means so much to us, and we are excited about the upcoming year and the new opportunities it will bring. We hope to see you at one of our games in 2025 and look forward to another fantastic season together!

Sincerely,

Russ Oberbroeckling
Executive Director

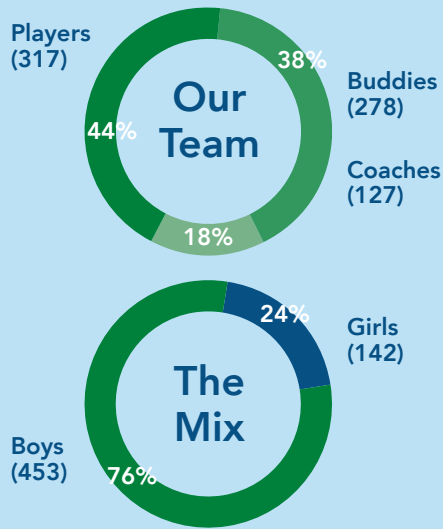
"The program boosts morale and confidence, both as a player and as a buddy."

"As parents we also get to know other families and we also make friends."

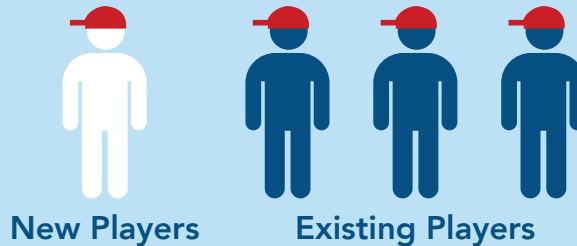


Making a Difference in 2024

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



Players receiving financial assistance

18%

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

154

722

Players, Buddies and Coaches

Player and Buddy Average Age

14

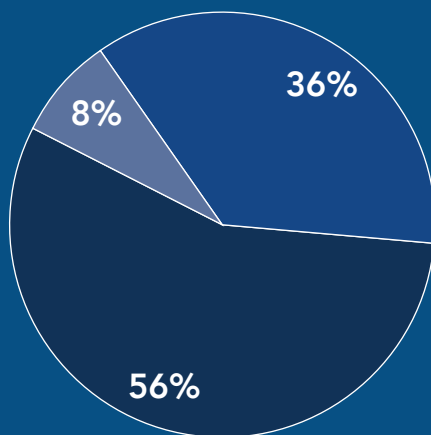
18 Teams for Spring Season

20 Teams for Fall Season

133 Total Games

Keeping the League Running Successfully

Income



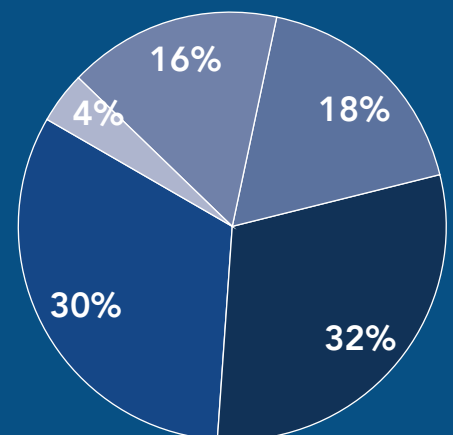
Income

Donations	56%
Sponsorships	36%
Registration	8%

Expenses

Uniforms/Trophies	32%
League Expenses	30%
Events	18%
Administration	16%
Scholarships	4%

Expenses



Thank You to Our 2024 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

30 Seasons

City of Temple Terrace	In Kind
Tampa Machinery Auction	Single

25+ Seasons

Alvarez Roofing	Home Run
Carlstedt, CPA, Precisely	Grand Slam
Choinque	Single
Congregation Beth Am	MVP
Gibbs & Parnell, P.A.	Home Run
Tampa Bay Rays	Hall of Fame
Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club	Double
Tampa Electric Big Bend Station	Grand Slam
The Sod Depot	Single

20+ Seasons

Andrew's Family	Single
Drummond Wehle Yonge	Single
Gaspar's Patio Bar & Grille	Double
Lake Michigan Credit Union	Double
MCC	Single
Tampa Metro Civitan Club	Single
The Brink Foundation	MVP
Tracy Johnston & Associates	Single

15+ Seasons

DeBartolo Family Foundation	Single
Friends of Tampa Firefighters	Grand Slam
Image Depot Express	Single
Law Office of Robert Geller	Single
Law Office of Tim Taylor	Double
Temple Terrace Masonic Lodge	Single

10+ Seasons

Chick Fil A Temple Terrace	In Kind
Diane and Arnold Ross	Hall of Fame
GFWC Temple Terrace Junior Women	Single
Gibbons Neuman	Single
Mortellaro Law	Grand Slam
Oliver & Fox	Double
One Team Financial Group	Double
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

Bertic Home Improvements	Single
Fizen Technology	Home Run
Focus Academy	Double
Ramada by Wyndham	Double
Rotary Club of Temple Terrace	Double
The Costantino Family	Double
The Schneider Family	MVP

1 to 4 Seasons

American Fabric Filter Co.	Home Run
Anonymous	Hall of Fame
Cardwell Buck Family	Home Run
Charitable Signatures	Single
DB Trucking	Double
Down Syndrome Association of Tampa Bay	Double
Instrumental Wealth	Home Run
Jon's Journey #strokeoutbatten	Single
North 30th Sports Pub and Grille	Single
The Cruz Family	Single
The Goldman Family	Home Run
The Johnson Family	Double
The Stanziani Family	Double

