



# *B Buzz Baseball League* *Youth Baseball & Resource Complex*

## **Who We Are?** **Our Future Plans!**

**501c3 Non-Profit**  
**# 38-4023948**

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## *Mission Statement*

Our mission is to promote self-performance improvement through athletic fundamentals, teamwork, leadership, self-discipline, integrity, and sportsmanship all while enjoying the game of baseball. Our main purpose is to use baseball as a vehicle to foster positive character development, academic achievement, and improve the health among the youth living in our community.

We strive to produce superior citizens rather than superior athletes.

## *Vision Statement*

B-Buzz Baseball League's vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> century is a state-of-the-art youth baseball complex designed to fulfill the leagues mission and bring the community together through the sport of baseball.



# *About Our Executive Director*

Wendell H. Fields has a love for the game of baseball that began in 1973 when he first stepped onto a baseball diamond at the age of nine years old and he has continued to play the game every summer ever since. He is currently on his 49th season of personally playing the game he so loves and does not show any signs of slowing down.

Wendell's desire to reactivate the league that taught him so many life skills has driven him to form the new B Buzz Baseball League as a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The successful partnerships that Wendell has created with community agencies and businesses has strengthened the leagues programming which has created a greater impact for today's youth. These relationships have opened the doors to scholarship opportunities for many of our players and thus creating brighter educational futures for them as well. Wendell has currently served as the league's Executive Director/Commissioner for the last 8 years and organizes all the leagues activities which include, scheduling of games, uniform distribution, team equipment, maintenance/ field permits, structuring team practices, player/coaches training, sponsorships, and community activities each of those years. Simultaneously, Wendell managed to grow the leagues enrollment from 24 players in 2014 to a record breaking 122 players in 2021 all while in a pandemic across the country.

Wendell is the former Director of Marketing/Drug Treatment Counselor for Key Decisions/Positive Choices Drug Treatment Program in Downtown Cleveland and currently serves as Community Resource Manager @ Families First Health Services in Independence, Ohio. Wendell attended Kent State University in the early 1980's with plans to further his education by completing a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health and his goal is to further his work with the Mental Health and Substance Abuse population in our communities wherever possible.

Wendell is very passionate about baseball and mental health and truly wants to educate the youth about the dangers of substance abuse and the negative effects it can have on their lives and how Self-Help Therapy can provide the tools some may need to maintain a healthy and productive life.



# **Board of Directors**

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**\*B Buzz Baseball League Alumni Members\***  
**\*\*BOLDED\*\***



# History of B Buzz Baseball League

*Founded in the late 1950's, B-Buzz Baseball League was an integral part of many young men's lives in the Lee-Harvard community. Fast forward to 1969 – Lee-Harvard's rapid transformation to a predominantly African American middle-class neighborhood prompted a group of parents and community members to continue the league long after its original participants moved away. For more than 15 years after relocating to Charles W. Eliot fields in 1969, five age divisions comprised of young men ages 8 to 17, played baseball almost every day during the summer months. At one time, close to 300 youth participated in B-Buzz Baseball League which produced quite a few notable Cleveland citizens in the process.*

*By the early 1980s, the league started to dissolve and the young men that played were well on their way to becoming community leaders, professional athletes, and successful businessmen themselves.*

*In 2014, after over 30 years of absence from the ballpark, a newly formed Board of Directors consisting of former alumni decided to re-establish the B Buzz Baseball League, thus, creating it as a 501c3 non-profit organization. Wendell Fields and the board built the league with the same integrity, character, and virtue that they were provided during their youth.*

*The goal is to resurrect the game of baseball for the youth of the Lee Harvard/Miles/Warrensville Hts. and surrounding communities just as it was in the past.*



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*In 2014 & 2015 we registered 24 players each of those years, in 2016 we introduced our first Tee-Ball age division and registered a total of 52 players within our two age divisions.*

We maintained this enrollment number of players until 2019 when the Covid 19 pandemic struck us all.

Our staff was determined and dedicated to continuing our growth and in 2021 we registered over 122 players and created 10 teams in 3 different age brackets.

As we move into the 2022 season, we are forecasting our enrollment numbers to double to over 250 players and by 2025, we are forecasting 390 players registered in our program each summer.

With that being said, the current playing conditions of our home fields (Kerruish Park) and the other available baseball fields on Cleveland's southeast side are in serious need of *leveling & re-conditioning* due to the lack of use over the many years without baseball being played on these fields. When you add in the unstable weather conditions in Northeast Ohio, the result is many games being cancelled, rescheduled, or not played at all year after year.

Our Board of Directors has approved and proposing to build a state-of-the-art baseball complex with the help of various funding sources to be completed by 2024/2025 with 4 AstroTurf ballfields (Age Appropriate) which would avoid the game cancellations we experience, allow our seasons to begin two months earlier which would keep our young adults engaged that much longer during the summer months, while providing a safe space and proper adequate playing conditions for years to come.

Along with the ballfields, we are also looking to construct a two-story modular structure that will house our field maintenance/team equipment, restrooms, concession stand, indoor batting cages, weight conditioning, fielding training areas and outdoor fitness zone, but most importantly, this structure will give our educational/social resource partners the classroom and activity space they need to provide their complimentary services for our players and their families, all while enclosed behind a 15-foot-high gated off fenced in area to provide the safety and security needed for everyone.





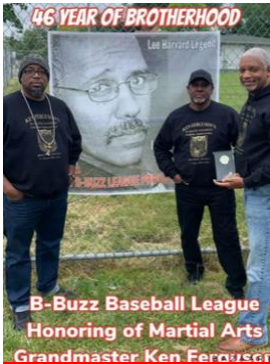
# *B Buzz Baseball League*

*“Back in the Day”*



# *B Buzz Baseball League*

## *“Notable Alumni”*



- Mayor Ben Holbert (Woodmere Village)***  
***Mayor Bradley Sellers (City of Warrensville Hts.)***  
***Zack Reed (Former Cleveland City Councilman)***  
***Roosevelt Leftwich (Fox 8 news Anchor)***  
***Kevin Heard (Call and Post Newspaper Editor)***  
***Ken Ferguson (Karate Master Black Belt/Pan Am Games Gold Medalist)***  
***Desmond Howard (Heisman Trophy Award/Superbowl MVP/ESPN GameDay)***  
***John Barnes Jr. (Former Ohio State Representative)***  
***Dr Dale Kates (Premier Smiles Dentistry)***



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**“B Buzz Baseball League Alumni”**



## **B Buzz Baseball League**

### **New Youth Baseball-Resource Complex Proposal Letter**

The B Buzz Baseball League is excited to have re-established itself since 2014 and is very proud to be entering our 9th season serving the youth in our community and are super excited about the growth that we have experienced thus far. Originally founded in the late 1950's as previously stated, this national pastime league has been uniting the youth, the families and the community for quite a number of years in the Lee Harvard/Miles/Warrensville Heights area.

As a non-profit (501c3) organization we are proud to be a part of a sports tradition that enriches its community and enhances its youth in many ways.

However, we are not just a sports league, we are so much more, and we are eager to share with you B Buzz Baseball League's future plans.

Our Board of Directors continues to work tirelessly to fundraise for our new state of the art baseball complex that will be our new home in 2024/2025. Once again, this year-round facility will host batting cages, weight training rooms, a second-floor classrooms for players and resource partners, outdoor fitness zone, concession stands and restrooms with all the bells and whistles of a big-league ballpark. We are on a mission to empower our youth through baseball, academic and social opportunities to be the leaders of tomorrow.



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That is not all we are preparing for.

Our coaching staff and volunteers are undergoing continued certified training that will help them condition our players to be more competitive (our older groups). Our staff will be focusing on building the skills that will excel them beyond their current baseball abilities as we look toward joining Little League International in Williamsport PA. in 2025 or 2026.

Our plans include coaching by former MLB baseball players and coaches who will bring their knowledge of the game and help enhance our players baseball skills, but also develop them into superior young men and young women of our community along the way.

Please take time to review our business plan along with the estimated construction cost and help be a part of the funding group that will make this dream a reality for our players, their families, and our community.

Don't hesitate to reach out to any member of our board with any questions you might have. We will be happy to set up a time to meet with you at your convenience to discuss how you can help make this possible.

***Wendell H. Fields***  
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## *Kerruish Park Field Drainage Issues*





## **B Buzz Baseball League**

### **New Complex Benefits**

***Community facility for baseball/softball and health activities***

***Longer baseball playing season for league games***

***Off-season workout space to keep players/families engaged***

***Safe space for players/families***

***Environment that further educates in many developmental topics' addition to baseball***

***Social/economic resources available for parents***

***Training and teaching environment for life development skills***

***Nationwide youth tournaments hosted/economic growth***

***InnerCity Baseball Academy/PlayBall CLE/MLB-RBI/PCA skills & drills training***



***B Buzz Baseball League***  
***Current Playing Configurations***  
***Kerruish Park***







## **B Buzz Baseball League**

### **“New” Baseball Complex @ Kerruish Park**



## **Design Rendering & Estimated Construction Cost**

*Provided By*

***SCG Fields (General Contractor)***

***Astroturf (Playing Surface)***

***GPD Group (Architect)***

***The Superlative Group Inc. (Naming Rights)***



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## OUR MISSION

Design. Build. Play! And everything in between. SCG Fields offers a full range of sports field construction services that can be customized to meet your team's needs and budget best.

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***Paul Frank***



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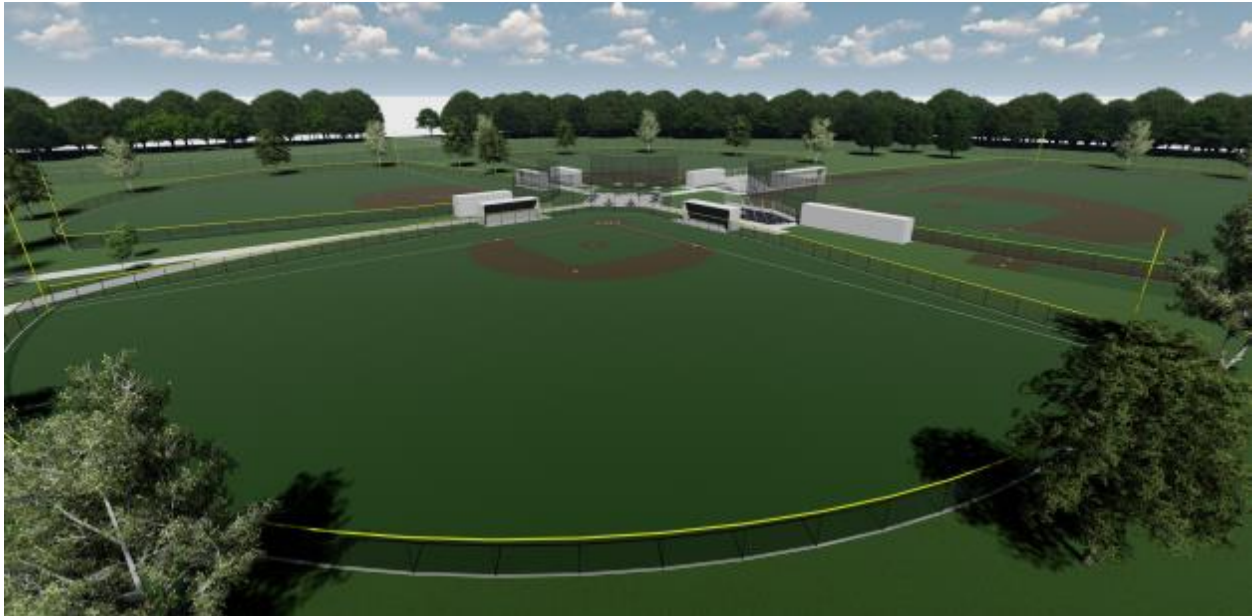
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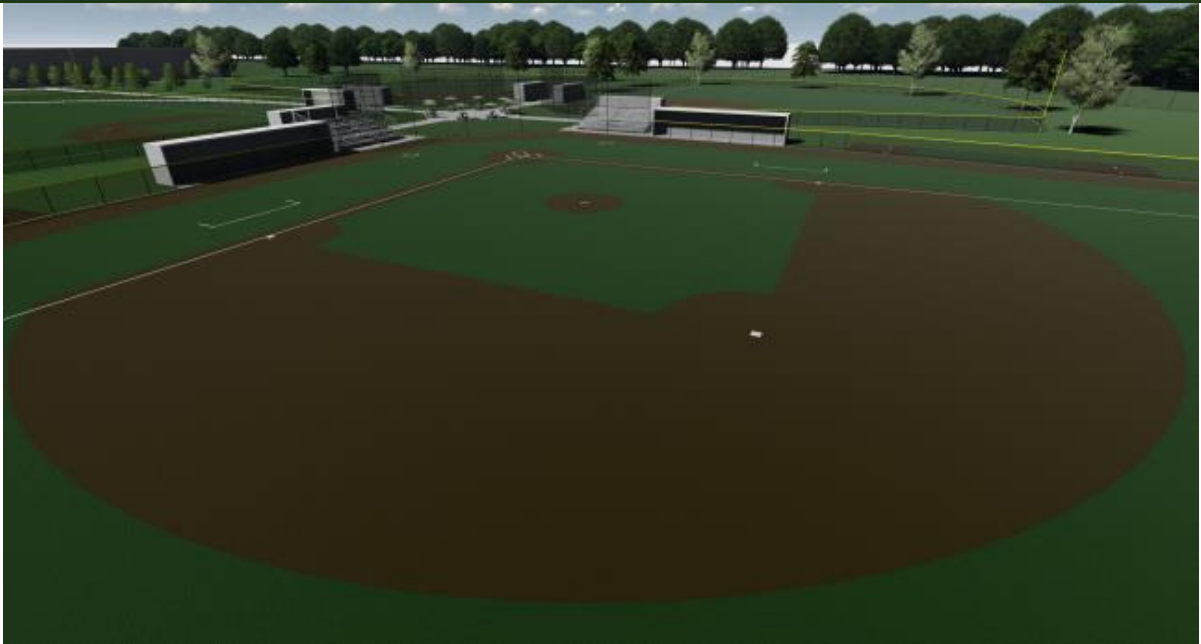
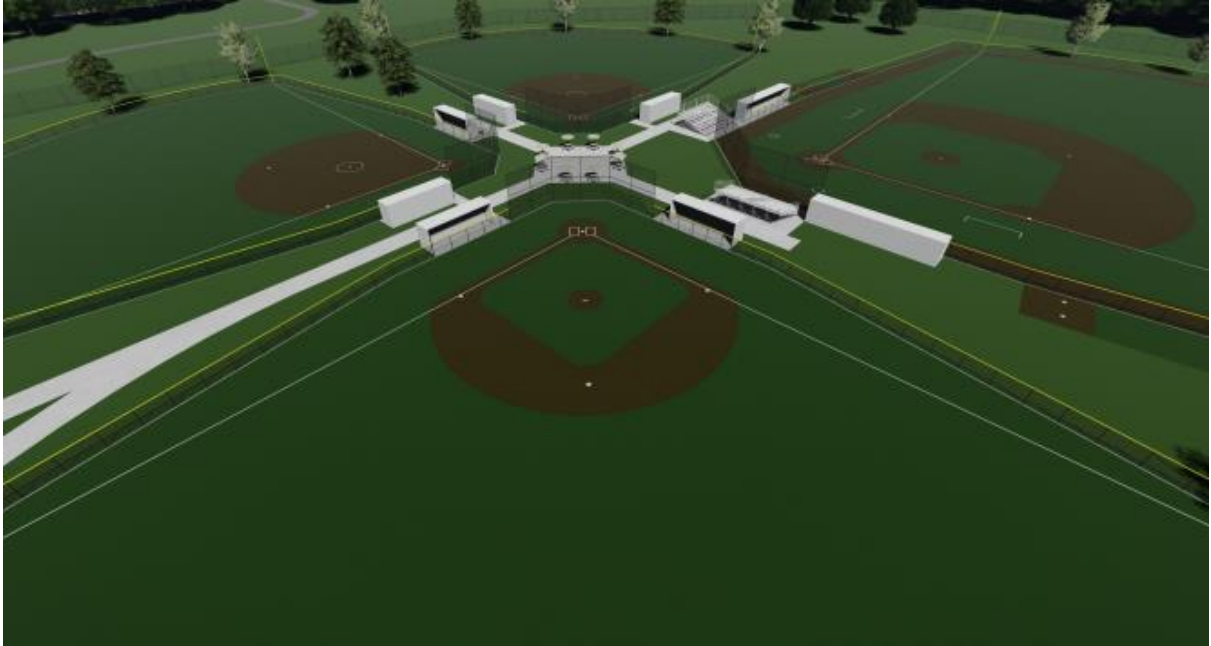
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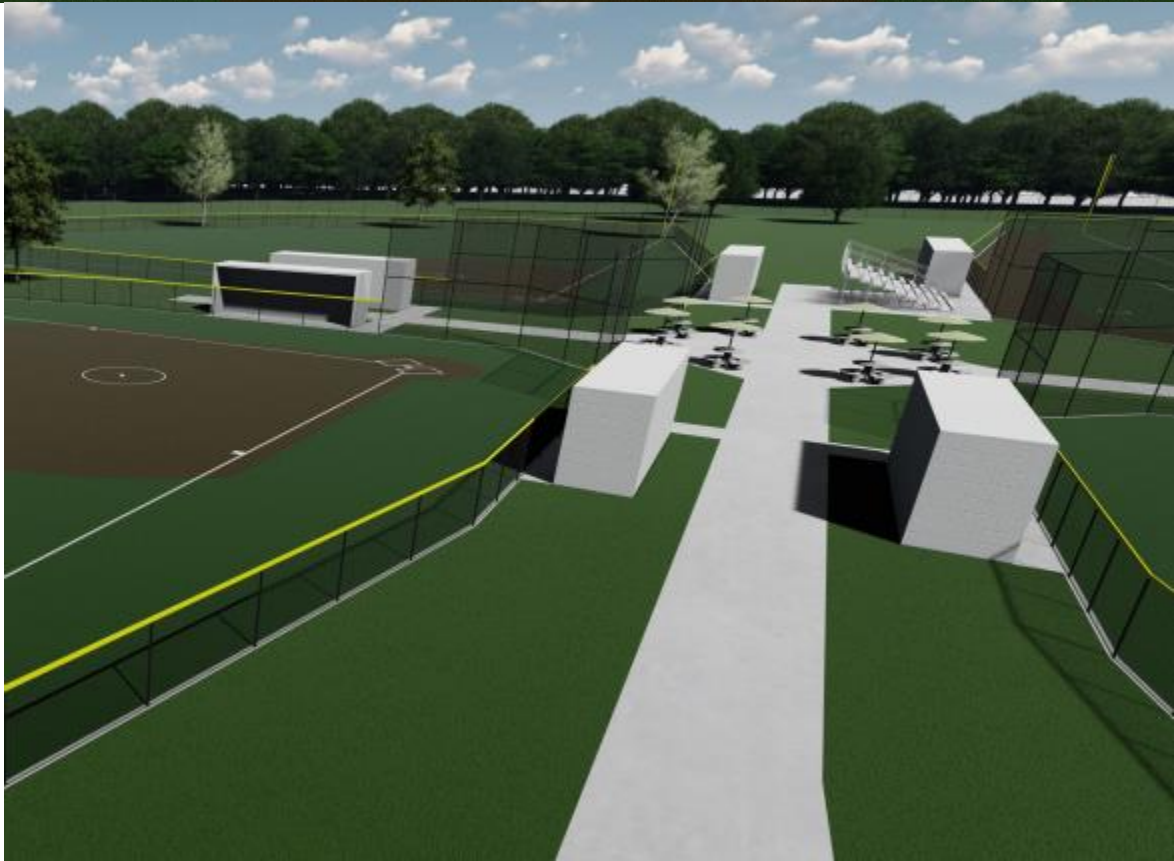
# *Future Baseball Diamond Designs*











**Indoor Complex Training**  
**&**  
**Resource Center**





**Trust for Public Land (501c3)**

## ***Outdoor Fitness Zone***

**10 Minute Walk Program**



# *Cincinnati Reds*

## *P & G Youth Baseball Academy*

*My Personal Visit (11/13/21)*



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*Jerome Wright (Executive Director)*



## **MLB Youth Baseball Academies**

***Cincinnati Reds Youth Academy***

***Houston Astros Youth Academy***

***Philadelphia Phillies Urban Youth Academy***

***Compton Youth Academy***

***New Orleans Youth Academy***

***Washington Nationals Youth Academy***

***Kansas City Urban Youth Academy***

***Texas Rangers Youth Academy***



## **Financial & In-Kind Funding**

*B Buzz Baseball league's seasonal budget is currently funded by player registration fees, local business sponsorship financial donations and by PlayBall CLE & MLB/RBI.*

*Our league's yearly season playing budget along with the future baseball complex construction cost and complex yearly operating budget are provided within this document.*

*We have also established several partnerships with personal development resource agencies to provide social and self-improvement services at "no cost" for players and families annually as part of being registered with our program,*

*We are looking forward to partnering with companies or agencies to acquire the capital funding needed which could include complex naming rights to help with this new baseball complex construction cost as a tax-free donation with partnership commitments for years of operations.*



## Sponsorship Opportunities

### Hall of Fame Level & Major League Level

5 years season's field Outdoor & Indoor sign that is displayed year-round and your company logo on our website.

### Minor League Level & Home Run Level

3 years season's field Outdoor & Indoor field sign that is displayed year-round and your company logo on our website.

### Base Hit Level & Teammate Level

1 season Outdoor & Indoor field sign that is displayed year-round and your Company logo on our website.

### Fan Level

Donor name added to community sponsor list on website for one season.

**Hall of Fame Level - \$500,000 +**

**Major League Level - \$250,000 +**

**Minor League Level - 100,000 +**

**Home Run Level - \$50,000 +**

**Base Hit Level - \$25,000 +**

**Teammate Level - \$10,000 +**

**Fan Level \$5,000 or Less**

## Donations can be made to

**B Buzz Baseball League**

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# *B Buzz Baseball League*

## *Seasonal Budget*

*2021 (122 Players)*

*2022 (250 Players)*

***Income***

**2021**

**2022**

Player Registration Fees

\$8,000

\$16,000

Sponsorship/Donation Income

\$16,000

\$35,000

Concession

\$500

\$750

Apparel Store

\$150

\$500

***Total***

**\$24,650**

**\$52,250**

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<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Player/Coaches Uniforms	\$9,000	\$18,000
Face Protection (Covid 19)	\$500	\$1,000
Sanitizer Stations	\$1,200	\$1,200
Pitching Machine (2)	\$0	\$1,200
Complete Team Equipment Bags	\$500	\$1,000
Player Water Bottles	\$500	\$1,000
Player Uniform Bags	\$1,000	\$2,000
League Game Balls	\$250	\$0 (Dicks Sporting Goods Donation)
Game Scorebooks	\$150	\$300
First Aid Kits	\$500	\$1,000
Detachable Bases	\$750	\$750
Umpire Fee's	\$0	\$1,200
Portable Restrooms	\$300	\$300
League Insurance	\$500	\$1,000
Concession Expense	\$250	\$400
Professional Services	\$350	\$2,345
Player Awards	\$1,000	\$2,500
Sponsor Field Signs	\$2,500	\$5,000
Opening Ceremony	\$1,500	\$3,000
Closing Ceremony	\$1,500	\$3,000
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>\$22,250</i></b>	<b><i>\$46,195</i></b>



## **Legal Structure**

*B Buzz Baseball League is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and falls under the guidelines set forth by the United States IRS and Tax benefits for our supporters.*

*\*\*Our articles of incorporation are available upon request.*

## **League Insurance**

*B Buzz Baseball League carries adequate insurance coverage dictated by the rules of*

*Little League International (Williamsport, Pa) and PlayBall CLE/RBI & USA Baseball.*

## **Security**

*B Buzz Baseball League provides 3<sup>rd</sup> party private security during all games, practices, and events.*

*The City of Cleveland Police Department is one of our proud sponsors and provides adequate police protection and patrol coverage throughout the season.*

*Our goal is to provide through the game of baseball a safe location year-round for the development of both our players and their families.*



## **Cleveland Police Foundation**

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**Commander Brandon Kutz (4th District)**

**Captain Keith Sultzer**

Located in Northeast Ohio, the Cleveland Police Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit community outreach organization. Founded in 2010, the Cleveland Police Foundation serves as an alliance of regional businesses, civic leaders, organizations and individuals committed to supporting an educated, well-trained and professionally equipped police department. The CPF mission is to strengthen the bond between the Cleveland Division of Police and metropolitan citizens. In addition to raising funds to provide advanced law enforcement training and education, improved equipment, and technology for the Cleveland Division of Police, the CPF proudly supports the following civic charities: • Cleveland Police Athletic League • Cleveland Police Historical Society & Museum • Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society • Cleveland Police Pipes & Drums • Cleveland Police Honor Guard • Friends of the Cleveland Mounted Police • B Buzz Baseball League



## **Player Recruitment & Marketing**

*Through our school recruitment programs set up with Warrensville Hts. City, Maple Hts. City, Robert H. Jamison @ Moses Cleveland Elementary/Middle, Adlai Stevenson Elementary, and Citizens Academy Southeast Schools, we host several recruitment days throughout each off season between January and April to interact and introduce the game of baseball personally to potential and current players, while keeping them engaged during the off season.*

*We also utilize the placement of street signage at several locations throughout the southeast side of Cleveland which have been very successful to our current and future enrollment growth thus far.*

*With our partnership with the Inner-City Baseball Academy, we provide baseball skills & drills training sessions for our current players and coaches year-round along with personal development activities conducted by our partner resource agencies as well to keep our players and families connected.*

*During our leagues season, our baseball games are played @ Kerruish Park against inner league teams according to their age divisions and at seasons end the most skillful players and coaches in the older two leagues are selected to participate in citywide all-star games against other youth league teams around Cleveland. In 2025/26, we are in line to join Little League International's (10-13) age division where our team will compete against teams within the Little League International organization with a chance to play in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.*



# **B Buzz Baseball**

## ***Apparel Store***

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***“Get Your B buzz baseball League Gear TODAY...!!!!***



**10% of every sale is donated to B Buzz Baseball League  
operational budget**



## Staff Background Checks

*Performed By*



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## **TV News & Radio Segments**

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**Fox 8 News - TV - (Roosevelt Leftwich)**

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**WEWS TV - 5 - (Moreen Bailey Frater)**

**WOIO TV - 19/43 - (Harry Boomer)**

**Chill Talk Radio 93 FM - (Kevin "Chill" Heard)**

**No Static Internet Radio - (Jeff Doggart)    Voice it Internet Radio - (Larry Gardner)**



# **B Buzz Baseball League**

## **Covid-19 Protocols**

*The 2021 B-Buzz Baseball League season has given us the chance to design, implement, and solidify COVID-19 protocols for the future. The B Buzz board of directors continues to tailor our safety protocols as appropriate for each age division. The league's goal is to provide our players the opportunity to practice and play baseball and for our league's families to return to our Little League community in a safe manner.*

*B Buzz's Baseball League primary concerns are the health and safety of all participants.*

*B Buzz 's return-to-play rules and procedures meet the state's requirements for youth sports.*

*All league participants, players, managers, assistant coaches, team volunteers, and family members will assume some risk in all baseball activities.*

*Below are the basic protocols that B Buzz Baseball League will implement to minimize risk. In addition to these protocols, individual leagues may institute rules to protect the health and safety of players and families.*





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### Mandatory Return-To-Play

#### Protocols

**Social distancing of fans** - During practices and games, fans must maintain a social distance of 6 feet away from anyone that is not a member of their family or household. Fans must also follow league guidelines for seating locations during practices and games.

**Social distancing of teams** - Players and coaches will maintain a preferred social distance of 6 feet, where practicable. Placement of players in dugout areas and during changeovers will assure social distancing. Game play will create situations in which players are less than six feet from each other.

**Screening** - Players, coaches, parents, and other family members must take their temperature and screen themselves before leaving their house for any practices, games, or team events.

**Illness /Symptoms** - Parents, coaches, and other family members may not participate in any B Buzz event if they have any illness or symptoms of COVID-19.

**Mask** – Mask are to be worn at ALL times by managers, coaches, fans and players not currently on the field.

**Baseballs** – The League Commissioner will supply the baseballs for each game. Baseballs will be wiped down with a sanitation solution before they are put back into play. Coaches will maintain two buckets of baseballs during games: one for clean baseballs, ready for play, and one for baseballs that need to be sanitized.

**Sanitizer** - Players will bring their own hand sanitizer to events and apply it every inning.



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**After each out** - The ball will go immediately back to the pitcher. Teams will not throw the ball around the infield after an out in bases empty situations.

**Equipment** - Players will use their own gloves and batting gloves. Helmets and bats will be sanitized after each use.

**Drinks** - Teams will not share drinks or provide a team cooler. All players must bring their own drinks.

**Contact** - No handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, hugs, spitting, sunflower seeds, gum, and things similar between anyone.

**Meetings** - Teams must maintain social distancing during team meetings.

**On-field Conferences** - All participants should maintain social distance of at least six feet during on-field conferences. All participants must wear a face covering when conferring at less than six feet.

**Extended dugout and seating areas** - Players and coaches should maintain social distance when entering and leaving the dugout areas.



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**Dugout Areas** - Players will be assigned a spot in the dugout areas that provides 6 feet of social distance from other players, where practicable. Players are encouraged to bring their own chairs for use during practices and games. Players will keep their equipment in their assigned dugout spots.

**Line-ups** - Teams will exchange lineups via text message or email.

**Umpires** - The home plate umpire will call balls and strikes from a socially distanced position behind the pitcher's mound. Base umpires will stand in socially distance positions in the outfield grass.

**Covid-19 Reports** - B Buzz players, coaches, parents, other family members, and spectators who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 must immediately contact the team manager and league commissioner.

**In case of a COVID-19 positive report, B Buzz Baseball League administrators will consult with and follow the guidance of the Cuyahoga County Health Department.**



## *Player Registration*

*Every Saturday during the month of April we hold “In Person” registration at 3 different locations.*

*B Buzz Baseball League has been highlighted on several of the local TV news station, radio/internet media outlets as well which generates a great deal of attention throughout the community and thus has increase our player registration numbers along with street sign placement.*

*With the help of our committed sponsors, we have been able to keep our player registration fee to a minimum cost of **\$75.00** per player and **\$140.00** for two players within the same family household.*

*This fee includes players complete uniforms: Baseball Hat, Jerseys, Pants, Socks and Face Protection along with playing 16 season games.*

*Our seasonal donations gifted to our program by our generous sponsors enables us to continue these minimum pricing for our families over the past several years.*

*Our partners and sponsors are displayed with their company logo on field sign banners during our league’s seasons along with their company logo linked to their website on our website for year-round visibility.*



## *In-Person Registration Locations*

### Keratin Barber College

4071 Lee Rd #130, Cleveland, OH 44128

Wendell H. Fields [bbuzzbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:bbuzzbaseball@gmail.com)

**216-712-2721**

### Warrensville Hts. Recreation Center

4270 Northfield Rd, Cleveland OH 44128

Brian Swift [brian.swift@whcsd.org](mailto:brian.swift@whcsd.org)

**216-408-9111**

### Zion Chapel Baptist Church

4234 Lee Rd, Cleveland, OH 44128

Virgil Pittman Jr. [vpittmanjr@yahoo.com](mailto:vpittmanjr@yahoo.com)

**216-577-9749**



## **B Buzz Baseball League**

### **On-Line Registration**

**[www.bbuzbaseball.org](http://www.bbuzbaseball.org)**

*Pro League Manager, Business Development*

*Kringel@leagueapps.com*

*www.joinleagueapps.com*

***Katie Ringel***

*LeagueApps is committed to a world where all kids and communities have the advantages of sport. Born and bred in New York City, it is the operating system and professional community for the most enterprising youth and local sports organizers—providing them with the solutions they need to succeed. LeagueApps works with thousands of fast-growing and influential youth sports organizations, as well as pro teams, leagues, and athletes. Through its software and Nex Up platform, which provides organizers with opportunities for leadership development and networking, LeagueApps supports and strengthens the youth sports industry. It also runs FundPlay, a philanthropic program focused on sports-based youth development programs in underserved communities.*





## Age Divisions

### **Boys & Girls**

**Tee Ball 4-8-year-olds**

**Little league 9-13-year-olds**

**Pony League 14-16-year-olds**

**\*\* (Travel Team: (Ages 10-13) Little League International 2025) \*\***

## Registration Fee

**\$75.00 Per Player**

**\$140 (2 Players – Same Household)**



## Player Expectations

### **What can you expect from playing B Buzz Baseball?**

*Each player will have a different experience. Players and parents who put more effort into our program will get more out of it than those who do not regularly attend practices. During games we can only teach but so much.... practice is where your child will gain the most knowledge of the game.*

- **Quality Instruction:** *Our coaches are committed to providing each player with quality instruction every day they attend practice and games. Fundamentals and overall baseball skills are developed most during practice.*
- **New Friendships:** *Many new friendships are formed in B Buzz Baseball, as players come from many different areas of the city.*
- *Through practices and games, players will learn to compete (Tee Ball excluded) on game days, and they even gain valuable experiences from their failures. Nobody is perfect at baseball.... you strive to do better each game.*
- *Players will improve their physical fitness dramatically if they attend practice regularly as baseball can enhance their overall strength and conditioning.*
- *All players are given the book “**Fun at Bat**” and are encouraged to read this book during their spare time at home. Coaches will go over the various subjects within this book throughout the season during practices. Players are also encouraged to participate in the Cleveland Public Library’s Summer Reading Program. Players will also learn to problem solve, think ahead, and be prepared for every possible baseball situation that may happen during a game and possibly in life.*
- *We feel it should be a lot of fun playing baseball and we want our players to enjoy their time on the diamond. They are allowed to have fun, learn, and still smile.*





# **B Buzz Baseball League**

## ***Schedule of Events***

*January – April (In School Gym/Recess Classes)*

*February – May (On Line Registration Open) (Street Signs Placed in Community)*

*April (Four Saturday's) (In Person Player Registration)*

*May (First Saturday) (Players Pro Day/Player's Drafted by Coaches)*

*May (All Teams Practice)*

*Memorial Day Weekend (Opening Day Ceremony & Parade)*

*June - August (Season Games Played)*

*August (Awards Day Ceremony/ Annual Alumni Reunion Softball Game)*

*September – March (Off Season Partner Resource Events & Baseball Skill's & Drills Training)*



## *Little League Certified Umpires*



***Colin Robertson***

*crobertn50@gmail.com*

*216-314-5594*

***Teresa Rice***

*Umpire Scheduler*

*216-314-0401*



## Spectator Rules

### *Games & Practices*

- *Please always conduct yourselves as adults while watching our games.*
    - *Our children are watching our every move.*
  - *Absolutely no cussing, foul language and arguing with other spectators, coaches, or umpires.*
    - *No alcoholic beverages or illegal chemicals/drugs are permitted at our field,*
    - *Cleveland 4<sup>th</sup> District Police Department will patrol our fields regularly.*
      - *No Smoking around the baseball diamonds.*
  - *Please do not shout out instruction to your child while they are on the diamond. This will distract your child from paying total attention to the coach and the game.*
    - ***(Your job is to encourage and cheer.)***
  - *We have a zero-tolerance policy for any unfit behavior by spectators, coaches, and players.*
  - *Please do not take offense to our coaches giving directions to your child. While they are on the diamond.... They belong to B Buzz coaching staff.*
    - *No playing loud music from your cars during the games.*
- No Firearms or Weapons Permitted at Any Time.**



# *B Buzz Baseball league*

*Enrollment Growth*

*2 Teams/24 Players*



*2014/2015*

# *4 Teams/49 Players*



*2016*

# *4 Teams/52 Players*



*2017/2018*

# *4 Teams/58 Players*



*2019*

# *10 Teams/122 Players*



*2021*



## **Growth Projections**

*2022.....15 Teams*

*2023.....20 Teams*

*2024.....25 Teams*

*2025.....30 Teams*

*\*\*Average 13 players per team\*\**

## **Player Enrollment Limit**

**390 Players**





## *Annual Player Awards*

*Most Valuable Player*

*Batting Champion*

*Defensive Champion*

*Most Improved Player*

*Sportsmanship Award*

*(\*5 players from each team are selected\*)*



*Player Awards Presented by Ellis Burkes (2021)*

# Annual Players Awards Day



# Annual Alumni Reunion Softball Game





# *B Buzz Baseball League*

*2022 Coaching Staff*



## **Tee Ball**

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Cameron Ray ([raycameron2003@yahoo.com](mailto:raycameron2003@yahoo.com))

## **Little League**

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Bobby Allen Jr. ([bobby.allen22.BA@gmail.com](mailto:bobby.allen22.BA@gmail.com))

Eugene Williams ([Eugenewilliams328@gmail.com](mailto:Eugenewilliams328@gmail.com))

Percy Martin ([percylee216@gmail.com](mailto:percylee216@gmail.com))

Kenny Gamble ([kgibson212000@yahoo.com](mailto:kgibson212000@yahoo.com))

## **Pony League**

Donald Taylor ([donaldthudson@aol.com](mailto:donaldthudson@aol.com))

Randy Tucker ([randytucker24@yahoo.com](mailto:randytucker24@yahoo.com))

Virgil Pittman Jr. ([vpittmanjr@yahoo.com](mailto:vpittmanjr@yahoo.com))

Jevon Woods ([woodsjevon04@gmail.com](mailto:woodsjevon04@gmail.com))



## *Volunteers*

### *Coach Pitchers/Umpires/Concessions*

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*Sean Terry (sean.phillip.terry@gmail.com)*

*Eugene Vasser (eugene.vasserarmy@gmail.com)*

*Robert Dawson (robdawson77@gmail.com)*

*Kevin Youngblood (kevinyoungblood1962.KY@gmail.com)*

*Charles Ausbrook (causbrook@sbcglobal.net)*

*Tashae Johnson (tashaejohnson89@gmail.com)*

*Myra Collin (msgina517@gmail.com)*

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*Candace C. Fields (candacecfields@yahoo.com)*

*Brian K. Smith (bksmith369@gmail.com)*



## ***Become a Volunteer or Coach***

*1300 E. 9th Street, Suite 1220*

*Cleveland, Ohio 44114*

*216-736-7711*

*VolunteerCONNECT@bvuvolunteers.org*

***Contact BVU***



# 2021 B Buzz Baseball League Teams

## Pony League

*Hornets/Cardinals*

## Little League

*Twins/Dodgers/Cubs/A's*

## Tee Ball

*Padres/Reds/Royals/Mets*





## 2021 Hornets

### Pony League Season Champions





## 2021 Cardinals





## 2021 Twins

### Little League Season Champions





## 2021 Dodgers





## 2021 Cubs





## 2021 Athletics (A's)





## Padres





## *Reds*







## Royals





## Mets



# *Playing Baseball with Kenny Lofton*



# Cleveland Guardians



# 2019 MLB - All Star Weekend

## *PlayBall Park*



# 2019 MLB -All Star Weekend

## *PlayBall Park*



# 2015 PlayBall CLE Skills & Drills

## *Progressive Field*



# *Players Season in Action*

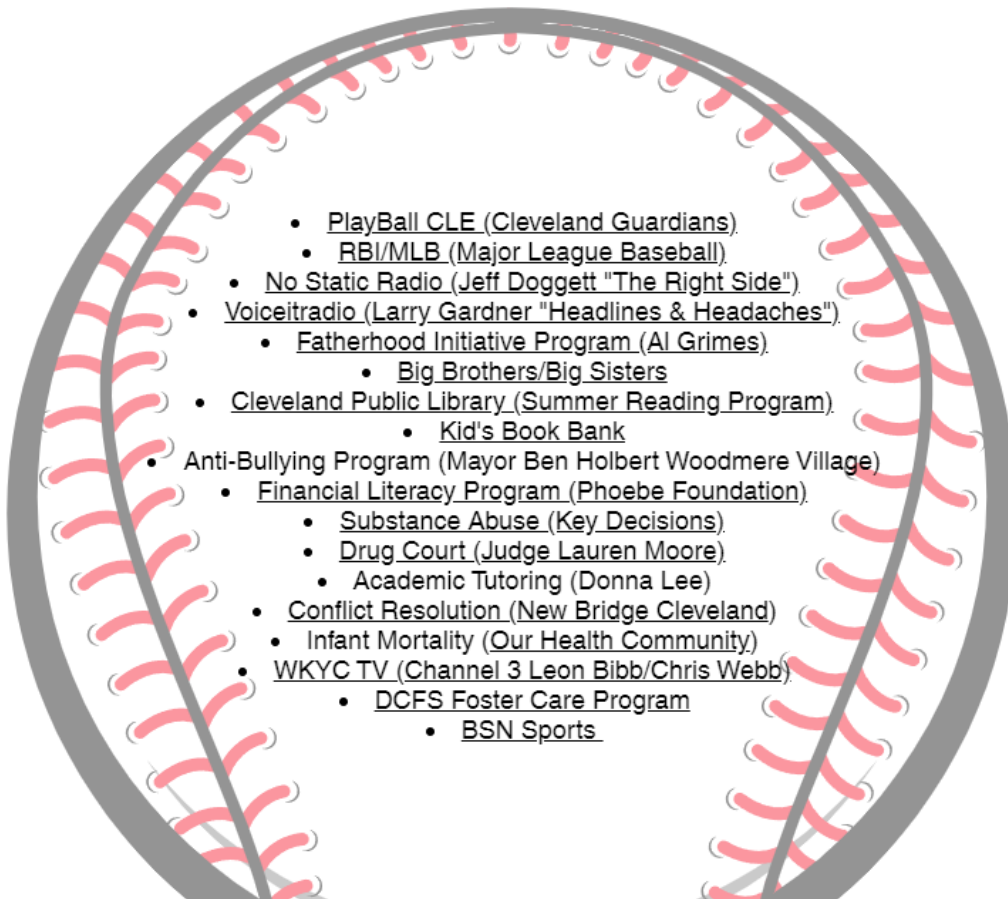








## Resource Partners / Vendors / Sponsors





## **Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative Program**

***[cuyahogacounty.us/divisions/detail/fatherhood-initiative](http://cuyahogacounty.us/divisions/detail/fatherhood-initiative)***

***[al.grimes@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:al.grimes@jfs.ohio.gov)***

***216-698-2869***

***Al Grimes***

*The Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative (CCFI) seeks to strengthen families in our community by encouraging fathers to play a more active role in nurturing and raising their children. Cuyahoga County is the only one of 88 counties in Ohio to have a program of this magnitude addressing the issue of fatherhood. The Fatherhood Initiative responds to escalating social concerns regarding "father absence" by providing fathers with access to services and programs designed to prepare them to better meet the emotional, psychological, and financial needs of their children. The CCFI also seeks to increase public awareness of the importance of father involvement.*



## **Phe'be Foundation (Financial Literacy)**

**www.phebefoundation.org**

**phebefoundation@yahoo.com**

**216.766.5797**

***Sherron Murphy-Williams***

*The Phe'be Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 organization that teaches financial literacy education to members of our communities. As community servants, we have a responsibility to address the needs of our communities by standing in the gap, as it pertains to the lack of financial education in our schools and our homes.*

*Through collaborative efforts by members of our government and the business community, we strive to come together to participate in building financially stable families and communities through education, counseling, relationships and financial incentives. The focus of The Phe'be Foundation is the family. Through a variety of classes and special programs, we educate, assist and empower our communities in achieving financial literacy.*



## **Cleveland Public Library**

### ***Summer Reading Program***

**www.cpl.org**

**Harvard.Lee.Branch@cpl.org**

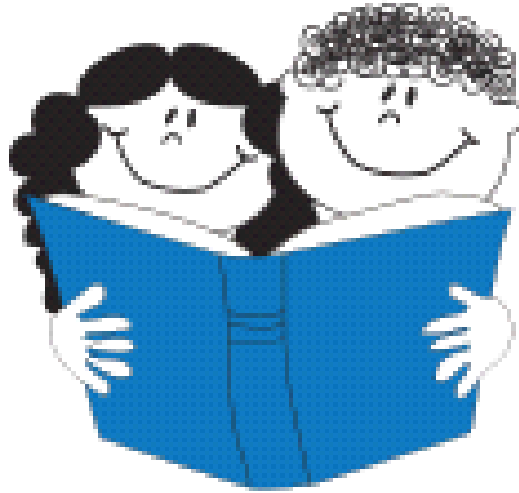
**olivia.geaghan@cpl.org**

**216-623-6990**

***Olivia Geaghan***

*At Cuyahoga County Public Library, we are committed to our mission of being at the center of community life by creating an environment where reading, lifelong learning and civic engagement thrive. Our vision is to be the most convenient public library system in the nation, recognized for exceptional customer service. Everything we do is in support of improving the quality of life in Cuyahoga County, and we strive to deliver on three key objectives:*

- *Fostering a community of enthusiastic readers.*
- *Strengthening the economic vitality of our region.*
- *Being recognized as an essential community asset and innovative library industry leader.*



**KIDS' BOOK BANK**

***Kid's Book Bank***

**www.kidsbookbank.org**

**jessica@kidsbookbank.org**

**216.417.1803**

***Jessica Walsh***

***Promoting Children's Literacy***

*Through a network of more than 1,000 partner organizations—including government agencies, school districts, non-profits, libraries, and more—we distribute tens of thousands of books every month to children throughout Greater Cleveland. From our largest partners to smaller, grassroots partners, every book makes a difference.*

*Volunteers sort books by reading level and box them for pick up from our warehouse by our partner organizations who distribute them directly to kids and families in need to keep and build their home libraries.*



**Families First**  
HEALTH SERVICES

**Families First Home Services “Mental Health”**

**[www.familiesfirsths.org](http://www.familiesfirsths.org)**

**[info@familiesfirsths.com](mailto:info@familiesfirsths.com)**

**216-632-0540**

***Gimar Gilchrist***

*Families First Health Services is one of the leading counseling practices in Ohio and home to a team of highly respected mental health professionals. We provide high quality, focused, professional services to individuals and families throughout northeast Ohio.*

*Intensive outpatient therapy, community support, psychological testing, behavioral health and school-based services are among the most commonly utilized services. Treatment areas include, but are not limited to, behavioral issues, addiction, depression, codependence, anxiety, trauma resolution, etc.*

*Compassionate, Personalized Care*

*As we develop individualized treatment plans, the Families First team prides itself on being both empathetic and respectful of each patient's condition. We are attentive to personal needs and are culturally aware of the different values, traditions, languages, lifestyles and expectations of each individual. Proven Techniques*

*Families First provides the treatment needed and the support patients deserve as they confront their mental and behavioral health problems. Visit the Services page to learn what treatment options are offered at Families First*



***The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation oversees the operations and conduct of all local Marine Toys for Tots Campaigns. Because local campaigns differ based on geographic location and community demographics the local campaign is the best point of contact for specific and most up to date information pertaining to the campaign on the following items:***

***Partnership with Families First Home Services***

***Christmas Giveback Program***

***www.familiesfirsths.org***

***info@familiesfirsths.com***

***216-632-0540***

***Gimar Gilchrist/Deborah Williams***





**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland**

**www.bbbscle.org**

**ttucker@bbbscle.org**

**216-452-5225**

***Timika Tucker***

*Arm your child with another awesome adult. Life is hard - we all experience ups and downs, and we know the more people you have in your corner, the better. We'd love the opportunity to provide your child with another positive, adult role model to help them ignite their own potential.*

*Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland serves children and teens who want and need a mentor in their lives. We match Littles aged 6-15 with Bigs in a one-to-one, life-changing friendship. Bigs and Littles hang out 2-3 times a month for a few hours doing normal, everyday activities, like going to see a movie, playing games, going out to eat, or just hanging out!*



## **Children & Family Services Foster Care Program**



*DCFS works to assure children at risk of abuse and neglect are protected and nurtured within a family and with the support of the community as we strive to end the over-representation of people of color in the child welfare system. Safety, permanency, and well-being are the goals for every child and family we encounter. Employees investigate allegations, assess child safety, and risk contributors, and help stabilize families that have been weakened through poverty, illness, or crisis. DCFS provides safe and appropriate placement for children in County custody, and helps achieve permanency through reunification, legal custody, or adoption.*

### ***Division of Children and Family Services***

***3955 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44115  
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***Kristin Gardner***



***Ohio State Director***

***773-727-5296***

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***Sean P. Terry***

## The Trust for Public Land

Nonprofit Organization

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LAND

The Trust for Public Land is a U.S. nonprofit organization with a mission to "create parks and protect land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come." Since its founding in 1972, The Trust for Public Land has completed 5,000 park-creation and land conservation projects across the United States, protected over 3 million acres, and helped pass more than 500 ballot measures—creating \$70 billion in voter-approved public funding for parks and open spaces. The Trust for Public Land also researches and publishes authoritative data about parks, open space, conservation finance, and urban climate change adaptation. Headquartered in San Francisco, the organization is among the largest U.S. conservation nonprofits, with approximately 30 field offices across the U.S., including a federal affairs function in Washington, D.C.





## *Anti-Bullying Program*

[www.woodmerevillage.com](http://www.woodmerevillage.com)

[bnewsman@aol.com](mailto:bnewsman@aol.com)

216-831-9511

*Mayor Ben Holbert*



*\*Stop Cyber Bullying\**



## **Cleveland Municipal Drug Court**

**[www.clevelandmunicipalcourt.org/drug-court](http://www.clevelandmunicipalcourt.org/drug-court)**

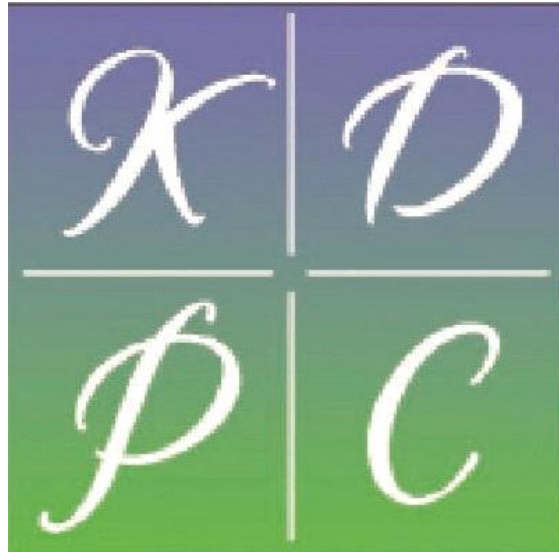
**(216) 664-4973**

***Honorable Lauren Moore***

*Drug Court may be offered to a felony offender charged with a fourth- or fifth degree-level possession of a controlled substance, who has only one non-violent felony conviction and is chemically dependent. Defendants are required to enter a plea of “guilty” to a first-degree misdemeanor. The sentence is held in abeyance pending successful completion of the program. Upon successful completion of Drug Court and payment of a supervision fee, a participant’s guilty plea is vacated, the charge(s) dismissed, and the case sealed or expunged.*

*More than 1,700 people have successfully completed the Greater Cleveland Drug Court Program, which benefits not just the individuals involved, but also the community in which they live and all taxpayers. Average treatment typically costs approximately \$3,000, while the cost of six months of incarceration averages \$14,000.*

*The Greater Cleveland Drug Court received Specialized Docket Certification from the Supreme Court of Ohio on April 11, 2014. Because of the success with Drug Court, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court has formally adopted the program, which is currently under the direction of the Honorable Lauren Moore.*



## **Key Decisions/Positive Choices “Substance Abuse”**

This State certified alcohol and drug treatment program is designed to assist clients in understanding and addressing the negative behavior that substance abuse creates in our lives. Through individual and group counseling we provide education and awareness to youth and adults.

Key Decisions/Positive Choices supports a holistic approach to treatment, instilling a sense of optimism, dignity, and hope.

**[www.keydecisionspositivechoices.com](http://www.keydecisionspositivechoices.com)**

**[keypos1@gmail.com](mailto:keypos1@gmail.com)**

**216-391-0977**

***Owen/Linda Taylor***

# *Carpentry Skills Training*



**\*Specializing in teaching young people the skills everyone needs to learn\***

## *Byrd Construction*

**sambyrd80@gmail.com**

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***Sam Byrd***



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***rbanks@newbridgecleveland.org***

***(216) 867-9775***

***Robert Banks Jr.***

**We Believe in the power of lifelong learning.**

**New Bridge is a community-based social-emotional arts-infused after-school education program and workforce training center that address the needs of residents and youth who live in some of Cleveland's most challenged neighborhoods. Our vision is a vibrant community living to its fullest educational and economic potential. As believers in lifelong learning, we practice what we preach. By listening to our advisors, staff, community partners and students, we're always learning too. Our programs and curriculum are dynamic and market-driven to give our students the skills they need to secure meaningful, good-paying jobs in high-demand fields**





## ***Our Healthy Community***

### ***Infant Mortality***

**[www.ourhealthycommunity.com](http://www.ourhealthycommunity.com)**

**[sybuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:sybuchanan@gmail.com)**

***Silas Buchanan***

Our Healthy Community is an unprecedented network of local, regional, and national faith and community-based organizations (Community Partners) committed to improving health equity, health outcomes, and reducing health disparities in their communities.

OHC Community Partners are embedded in their communities and are typically known, liked, and trusted by their community members.



## **Success for Autism**

**[www.thesuccessapproach.org](http://www.thesuccessapproach.org)**

**[info@itsuccess.org](mailto:info@itsuccess.org)**

**(440) 943-7607**

**Lynette Scotese-Wojtila**

“S.U.C.C.E.S.S. for Autism” is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving community awareness and acceptance of autism.

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. for Autism (SFA) is committed to improving the lives of individuals with autism and empowering their caregivers. SFA promotes an integrated multi-disciplinary approach to treatment. The S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Approach was established at the Ohio-based Integrations Treatment Center founded in 1995.

When supporting S.U.C.C.E.S.S. for Autism, your contribution helps fund our efforts to educate the community, support program needs of individuals on the autism spectrum, provide training, and support research on The S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Approach as a best-practice intervention model for treating autism.



## ***Playball CLE***

**[www.mlb.com/guardians/community/playballele](http://www.mlb.com/guardians/community/playballele)**

**[aeder@cleguardians.com](mailto:aeder@cleguardians.com)**

***Anthony Eder***

PlayBall! CLE is an initiative of Cleveland Guardians Charities that provides financial support to underserved baseball and softball organizations throughout Greater Cleveland. As an organization, we understand how important a positive playing experience can be for youth development.

Through this initiative, we will reward leagues and organizations that are providing access and opportunity for youth of all ages, backgrounds, and demographics. We also understand the value coaches and volunteers play in creating a positive youth baseball/softball experience. To this point, we will be rewarding leagues and organizations that put a strong effort into developing their coaches and volunteers each year and hold safety as a high priority. Leagues and organizations that are operating background checks for all their coaches and volunteers, applying pitch count guidelines, and providing other safety training (ex. concussion), will be supported accordingly.





***MLB/RBI***

**[www.mlb.com/rbi](http://www.mlb.com/rbi)**

**[david.james@mlb.com](mailto:david.james@mlb.com)**

***David James***

Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) will be entering its 34th year of play in 2022. From its inception in 1989 through the 2022 season, RBI has grown from a local program for boys in South Central Los Angeles to an international campaign encompassing more than 200 cities and as many as 150,000 male and female participants per year. In 2010, Jr. RBI was launched, designed to create new playing divisions that provide baseball and softball opportunities for children ages 5-12 that also serve as a feeder to the age 13-18 baseball and softball divisions.

RBI continues to support the B Buzz Baseball Program every 2 years with new resources.



# POSITIVE COACHING ALLIANCE

*Positive Coaches Alliance*

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[leanne\\_trytko@positivecoach.org](mailto:leanne_trytko@positivecoach.org) *Leanne Rose Trytko*

PCA Founder Jim Thompson first realized the need for an organization dedicated to cultivating a positive youth sports culture in 1971 when he worked as a teacher aide at the Behavioral Learning Center (BLC). BLC, an elementary school dedicated to serving children with severe behavioral and emotional issues used relentless positivity to help children achieve their goals. Thompson watched as kids with few advantages in life blossomed when they were treated to endless doses of positive reinforcement to fill their Emotional Tanks. In 1998, Jim Thompson started PCA in an athletic closet at Stanford University's Roble Gym. Since then, in more than 20 years, PCA has grown from a small, local non-profit to a strong, national organization hosting thousands of workshops every year, and partnering with some of the largest organizations, pro sports teams, and national governing bodies.





## OUR MISSION

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To create an inclusive culture within baseball and the community, where differences are leveraged to elevate racial equality and provide greater opportunities for the Black community, both in our game and the places we live in, play in, and care about most.

## OUR VISION

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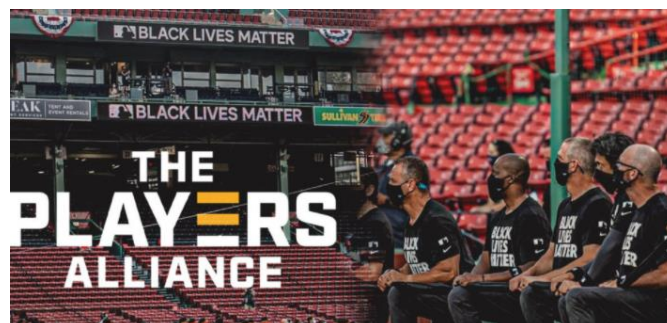
We seek equal opportunity in our game for the Black community at every level, from the field to the front office, to combat racial prejudice and ensure a future for our sport that provides a level playing field for all.

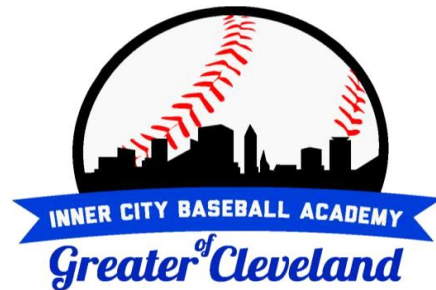
*[www.theplayersalliance.com](http://www.theplayersalliance.com)*

*704-245-2998*

*[jules@theplayersalliance.com](mailto:jules@theplayersalliance.com)*

*Jules Johnson*





## *Inner City Baseball Academy*

We provide services, programs and baseball training activities that empower youth, and enhance communities. We the help of x big league ball players and coaches; we offer a proven pathway to the big leagues.

**[www.innercitybaseball.org](http://www.innercitybaseball.org)**

**[ibagc42@yahoo.com](mailto:ibagc42@yahoo.com)**

**(216) 269-4179**

**Marcus Morrison**



## **USA BASEBALL**

### ***\*FUN AT BAT\****

*Fun At Bat is an entry-level bat and ball program for kids with an emphasis on character development, functional movement, active play, and fun. The initiative stems from meticulous research on introductory youth sport programs and is supported by Major League Baseball, USA Baseball, and industry professionals. The Fun at Bat program is totally FREE.*

*1030 Swabia Court, # 201*

*Durham, NC 27703*

*919-474-8721x244*

*tylcollins@usabaseball.com*

***Tyler Collins / Director Youth Programs***







***Pitch***

***Hit & Run***

B Buzz Baseball League is an annual host for MLB's Pitch Hit and Run Competition where players earn a chance to move to the national Competition at the World Series.

**MLB Pitch Hit & Run c/o LEJ Sports Group**

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**770.641.5096**

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### *Field Signs*



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