



# 2014 Post Season Report

Fall 2014

## President's Report

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It has been another exciting year for Cleveland Baseball Federation in 2014. With the help of our staff, donors, volunteers and Board Members, we once again served approximately 3,000 of Cleveland's youth, providing them with the opportunity to play baseball and softball for no charge. Furthering our programming efforts, CBF and Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation hosted 150 area youth for the MLB Players Trust "City Clinic". This clinic provided a day of instruction and fun for our kids and was capped with our kids having the opportunity to interact with and learn from players from the Cleveland Indians on topics such as the importance of practice, education and nutrition. For the third consecutive year, we hosted the East Regional Tournament for Major League Baseball's Reviving Baseball in the Inner Cities (RBI) Program. There were many winners at the tournament, including our Senior Boys Baseball (16 to 18 year olds) and Cleveland Girls Softball (15 to 18 year olds), who advanced to the RBI World Series in Grapevine, Texas.

More importantly, the RBI experience provided our kids with a wonderful opportunity to experience highly competitive baseball and softball, while also learning leadership skills and responsibility and interacting with youth from other regions in the United States. Also contributing to CBF's successful 2014 was the generous contribution received from The Honor Project Trust established by Judge John J. Russo, which will assist CBF in fulfilling improved programming for our kids in 2015 and future years. Finally, 2014 has been my first year as President of CBF. This past year has been even more enjoyable than I could have imagined as I have gotten closer with our organization and have seen up close the impact CBF has on our kids. I look forward to seeing all of our partners at our various events in the coming years and ask that you continue to think of CBF and DONATE before year end so that we can keep our kids off the streets and in the parks for the 2015 season. I also invite you to attend one of our games during the upcoming 2015 season!

Tom Welsh - President



## THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS TRUST

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BECAUSE OF THEIR CARING COMMITMENT TO PEOPLE IN NEED, MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS FORMED THE PLAYERS TRUST – A CHARITABLE FOUNDATION THAT IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS – TO SUPPORT CAUSES IMPORTANT TO THEM AS A GROUP AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.



## What an Honor

It was such an honor to be one of the many recipients of The Honor Project Trust initiative. These funds will help us continue to improve our programs for the boys and girls of Cleveland as well as focus on our mission of keeping kids off the streets and in the parks. We are grateful to this opportunity.



## The Honor Project Mission:

The purpose of The Honor Project Trust is to identify 501(c)(3) charitable organizations which demonstrate in their application societal impact in the State of Ohio and to distribute Cy Pres funds to those entities selected.

## Who We are:

The Honor Project Trust emanates from litigation pursued by the Ohio Attorney General Office ("AGO") in a case captioned **State of Ohio, et al. v. American International Group, Inc., et al.**, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. CV 07 633857. Upon settlement of all claims with the Defendants, excess proceeds termed "disgorged funds" remained. The AGO filed a Notice of disgorged funds with the court and requested Judge John J. Russo, the Presiding Judge, to acknowledge his right to distribute the funds under the Court's equitable powers. The court thereafter ordered that a portion of the disgorged funds be distributed to entities listed within and consistent with the AGO Notice. Judge John J. Russo thereafter authorized The Honor Project Cy Pres Initiative. Pursuant to the Court's Order, a Trust was created outlining the processes and procedures to implement this endeavor. A copy of the Judgment Entry ordering distribution of the disgorged funds, the Court Order allowing for the Honor Project Trust, and the Honor Project Trust document are available for your review and further understanding.



## League of Champions

This year marked the 104th season of baseball and softball for the Cleveland Baseball Federation (CBF). CBF provided for over 3,000 youth in the City of Cleveland during the summer of 2014, giving them the opportunity to learn and play the games we all love. That is nearly 200 teams from t-ball through high school baseball and softball who played, free of charge!

This summer's CBF league champions:

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Little F (9-12 years)                 | - Woodstock Black Sox            |
| Big F (13-14 years)                   | - Glenville / Kovacic Recreation |
| Mickey Mantle (15-16 years)           | - Collinwood Recreation          |
| Connie Mack (17-19 years)             | - Estabrooke Eagles              |
| Senior Girls Fast Pitch (15-18 years) | - Estabrook Recreation           |



## Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) Recap

This past July, CBF yet again had the opportunity to host the RBI East Regional Tournament. This was the third year of a three year agreement for CBF to play host to the Major League Baseball sponsored tournament. Fifteen teams from Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Indiana traveled to Cleveland with the goal of being this year's RBI East Region Champion and advancing to the 2014 RBI World Series. The 15 teams were spread out between three divisions; Junior Boys Baseball 13-15 year olds, Senior Boys Baseball 16-18 year olds, and Senior Girls Softball 15-18 year olds. Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Indianapolis each had teams representing their cities and leagues in the tournament.

Over the long weekend, July 11-13, teams battled on Cleveland's near west side for the opportunity to play for the championship at Cuyahoga Community College (baseball) and Cleveland State University (softball). CBF's teams were well represented at this year's championship games with Cleveland Senior Boys and Senior Girls playing in the championships. Cleveland Senior Girls faced off with Cincinnati Senior Girls in a rematch of the past two years. Cleveland was able to defeat Cincinnati in a 5-0 victory. This was the 6th straight east region championship for Cleveland's girls. Cleveland Senior Boys battled Cincinnati RBI in a tough matchup at Tri-C. Cleveland's boys were able to pull out the victory 4-2 and advanced to Grapevine, TX for their second East Region Championship in 4 years.



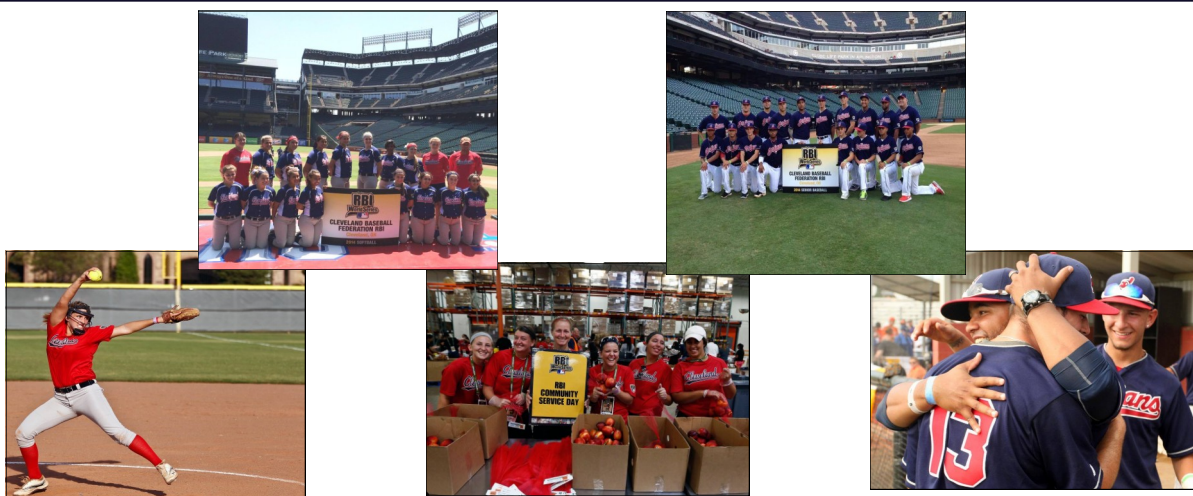
Following their victories here in Cleveland, CBF's Senior Boys and Senior Girls traveled to Grapevine, Texas for the 2014 RBI World Series the first two weeks of August. The Cleveland Senior Boys played against teams from Philadelphia, Miami, Jersey City and Kansas City, Kansas. The Boys finished the week 1-3-1 with a victory over Kansas City, Kansas in the

quarter finals before falling to Jackie Robinson Jersey City RBI in the RBI World Series Semi-finals 9-4. The boys played their hearts out and represented our city and league with pride.

The Cleveland Senior Girls Fast Pitch RBI played teams from Hoboken, NJ; Harrisburg, PA; Atlanta, GA; Minneapolis, MN; Hilo, HI; and Houston, TX. They finished the week 2-4 with victories over Hoboken and Hilo before losing to Houston in the RBI World Series Quarterfinals 4-0.

Throughout the RBI World Series, all teams participated in a Workout/Scout Day, team photos at Globe Life Park in Arlington, TX; community service programs at the North Texas Food Bank, and they attended a Texas Rangers game at Globe Life Park.

This is a tremendous program that gives these kids the opportunity to be treated like professionals while also instilling the values to help them succeed off the field. We would like to thank all of our supporters for making what we do possible. Whether you donate your time or money, without you, none of this would be possible. From all of us at CBF and all the youth that we serve, THANK YOU.



## With Thanks...

It is with great appreciation to the following donors for their generous support of Cleveland Baseball Federation. These donations make it possible for us to continue our mission in helping the kids in Cleveland. Thank you.

### Up to \$125,000

Cleveland Indians Charities

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