



Cleveland
Baseball Federation

2015

Spring 2015

A word from our President...

Welcome back baseball and softball! With the help of our staff, donors, volunteers and Board Members, Cleveland Baseball Federation anticipates once again serving over 3,000 of Cleveland's youth during our 2015 season, providing them with the opportunity to play baseball and softball at no charge.

This year, we have two new and exciting initiatives to improve the CBF experience. First, a group of our coaches will have the opportunity to participate in a program conducted by Positive Coaching Alliance, an organization that, among other things, provides workshops, sessions and other tools for coaches in an effort to assist them in providing athletes a positive and impactful athletic experience. I am sure that many of you reading this Newsletter have been impacted by a coach in your athletic career. This program will help ensure that our coaches have a similar positive impact on our kids and that future CBF alumni will look back and identify their CBF experience as an important building block in their success.

Furthermore, CBF will be holding its 1st Annual "Little F Camp Series" in 2015. This camp series will include 6 sessions (Monday's & Wednesday's) at Luke Easter Park, with every session being (3) hours of on-field baseball instruction as well as (1) hour of life skill development (Respect, Responsibility, Commitment, Teamwork, Integrity, Courage etc.). This is a great opportunity for our kids to receive quality instruction from local baseball experts, while also developing some core life values.

Finally, for the fourth consecutive year, we will host the East Regional Tournament for Major League Baseball's Reviving Baseball in the Inner Cities (RBI) Program. We look forward to another competitive tournament and welcome all of our teams in the region back to Cleveland. I look forward to seeing our partners at our events in 2015 and ask that you continue to think of CBF and DONATE so that we can keep our kids off the streets and in the parks. See you at the park!

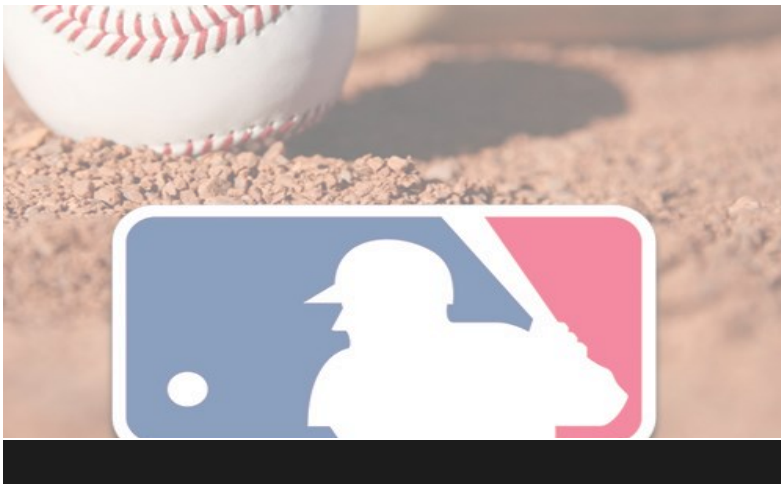
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**“BASEBALL WAS,
IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE TO ME
the BEST GAME
in the world.”**
~ babe ruth

*“A person always doing
his or her best becomes
a natural leader, just by
example...”*

- Joe DiMaggio



~ A new season ~ New Board Members

Although the weather isn't very "spring-like", the time of year still brings about new beginnings. As we start a new season of baseball, we also welcome new board members at Cleveland Baseball Federation. These two new members are excited to help grow the organization and bring their "vision" to the field. Welcome.

Jim Rollins, CPA

Jim has over 25 years of public accounting experience with a focus on operational improvements, inventory management and costing. In addition to serving clients in the manufacturing and distribution, start-up, technology and private equity industries, Jim recently began overseeing the assurance and tax practice at the firm. He works closely with our employees on developing services to respond to our clients needs and to ensure that their service goals are being met.

Jim's areas of specialization are in the following areas: Assurance Services, Operational Improvements, Inventory Management and Costing Issues, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity, Exit Planning and Transition.

Jim graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Human Resource Management degree.

Brian Krueger

Brian is the CEO/President of HGR Industrial Surplus. He began his career with them in 1998. HGR Surplus buys industrial surplus across all industry sectors east of the Mississippi for resale nationally and internationally.

HGR Industrial Surplus strives to cultivate a business environment where it serves as a conduit between customers looking for affordable used manufacturing machinery and industrial equipment, and manufacturers hoping to recoup some portion of their initial capital investments.

Brian grew up in Northeast Ohio and currently lives in Bainbridge with his wife Coleen and their two sons, Derek and Trent. Brian graduated from John Carroll University.



As our President mentioned, Cleveland will once again play host to the 2015 RBI East Regional tournament. Cleveland Baseball Federation has hosted this event for the past three years and is happy to see everyone back to compete for the chance to attend the RBI National Championships in Grapevine, Texas. Good luck to everyone.




Cleveland Baseball Federation is partnering with *BVU: The Center for Nonprofit Excellence* on a board development project this spring. BVU is working with CBF to help the board understand its role, strengthen board engagement, and align its work with the key issues facing the organization.

Save the Date

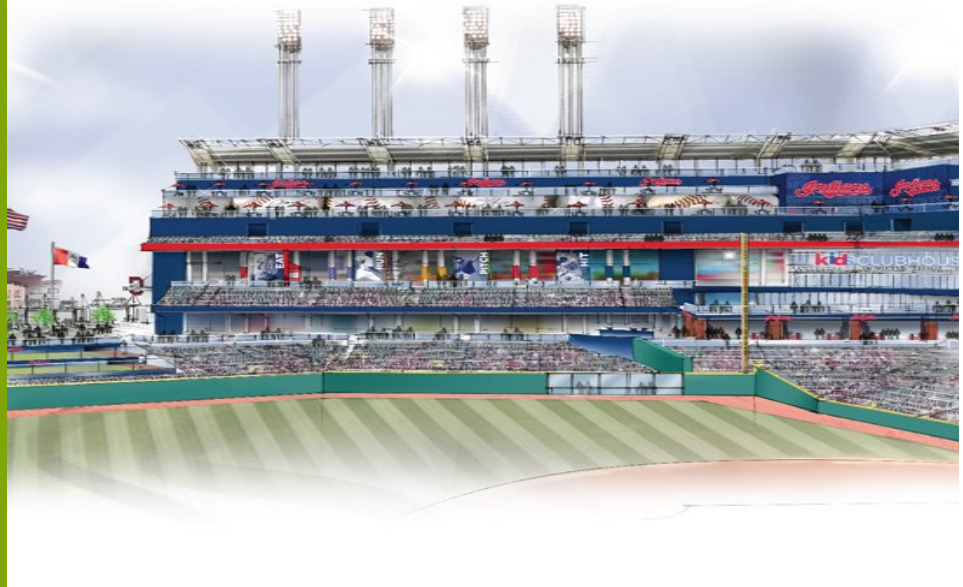
Mark your calendars for

**Thursday,
June 18, 2015**

The Cleveland Indians host the Chicago Cubs and you won't want to miss it.



You'll get an up close view of the newly renovated ballpark and support our mission at the same time.



Rendition of Progressive Field

2015 Calendar of Events

April

- 16 Luke Easter Park field renovations - Cleveland Indians

May

- 1 Little F season begins
- 6 Positive Coaching Alliance Coaches clinic
- 14-17 13U RBI Showcase Classic - Indianapolis, IN

June

- 1-6 League play begins and RBI tryouts
- 18 CBF Benefit - Progressive Field

July

- 9-13 RBI Jr. Softball Classic All-Star weekend - Cincinnati, OH
- 23-26 MLB RBI East Regional Tournament - Cleveland, OH
- 27-31 Championship Week

August

- 4-9 RBI World Series Softball - Grapevine, TX
- 10-15 RBI World Series Baseball - Grapevine, TX

September

- 12 Indians/MLB Equipment Day at Progressive Field

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2015 Sponsorship opportunities

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

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Company Website _____

Types _____

Types	Dollar Amount	Establishment of league for 150 children	Teams/Children Sponsored	Banner hung at field where teams play	Advertise your product/service on CBF website	Recognition on team shirts	Recognition in CBF newsletter	Recognition on CBF website
<input type="checkbox"/> Hall of Fame	\$5,000	√	4 teams	√	√	80 shirts	√	√
<input type="checkbox"/> Team Sponsorship	\$2,000		2 teams		√	40 shirts	√	√
<input type="checkbox"/> All Star Club	\$1,000		1 team			20 shirts	√	√
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Run Club	\$500		1 team				√	√
<input type="checkbox"/> Infield Club	\$250		5 children				√	
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Play Club	\$100		2 children					
<input type="checkbox"/> Base Hit Club	\$50		1 child					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Please specify							