

I am writing on behalf of Inglewood Pony Baseball (IPB), a nonprofit organization dedicated to amateur sports and the development of the youth of our community. We provided youth with a fun and safe learning environment to build strong bodies and minds. We have done this through quality instructions, teamwork, sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty and pride.

We will be running a full program of Baseball for boys and girls ages 4yrs-18yrs, firmly grounded in the principles of our Pony Baseball Mission, which provides the youth in the community an opportunity to refine athletic skills and develop universal life lessons such as integrity, sports ethics, courage, and perseverance. Our goals are to keep the youth out of drugs and gangs, keep them playing baseball all year long and preserve the history of Baseball within the community. We primarily serve the Inglewood community which is mostly lower to middle income families. Our commitment to the community regardless of economic status is strong and is evidenced by the materials provided by the organization. Our youth participation is expected to be approximately 200 a season, spring and fall, of which many are unable to make any financial contribution. These families enjoy the full benefit the program has to offer without prejudice to their financial situation. A family's inability to pay has never denied a child the opportunity to play. We make every attempt to keep our cost low so the children living in our region can participate; the hard reality is that this becomes a bigger challenge every year.

Through discipline and good management, we aim to continue our strong commitment to the community. But times have becoming much more difficult for non-profits such as ours and our need has never been greater. We strive to maintain an intricate program with no public funds or assistance. Our volunteers work very hard to provide a quality playing environment, but our lack of funding is showing. Through donations and generous support from other partner leagues and business, in form of used equipment, we have been able to continue providing these kids with an opportunity to play.

The families and volunteers of IPB take pride in the services it has to offer and wishes to continue its tradition of service in its highest form. And while our volunteers' boards of directors work year round to plan and attempt to raise funds, it is only through the gracious support of corporate leaders, such as you, that we can improve our program for "our" future leaders. We value the generous support provided to us by individuals and organizations and take extreme care to use these contributions in a manner that will benefit the youth most. We are hopeful that you will place your trust in us to do our part in building a stronger community one child at a time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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