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Roy Gayle Pony Baseball / Softball Inc. is to be commended for its rich legacy in the Rockford area, having been a driving force in youth athletics for more than half a century.

As a baseball parent and coach, I know firsthand the valuable role of Roy Gayle as a field of dreams for tens of thousands of junior sluggers in our community who learned important lessons in self-discipline, teamwork and good sportsmanship.

We are fortunate to have a nationally sanctioned program with eight quality diamonds that host 70 teams. Remarkably, an all-volunteer organization has operated Roy Gayle since the first field was built in 1961.

My hat goes off to all of the present-day volunteers who continue the Roy Gayle tradition and to every parent who supports a child in youth baseball. Here's to a fantastic 2019 season!

Sincerely,

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