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California D4 Finances

September Balance

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Opening Balance | 31,238.47 |
| Storage - September | 219.00 |
| Zoom | 149.90 |
| Ending Balance | 30,869.57 |



Lewis Cup Standings

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Alameda | 200 |
| Albany | 200 |
| Clayton Valley | 200 |
| East County | 200 |
| Martinez | 200 |
| Antioch | 100 |
| Concord American | 100 |
| Continental | 100 |
| Lafayette | 100 |
| NOLL-SOLL | 100 |
| Pinole Hercules | 100 |
| Pittsburg | 100 |
| Richmond | 100 |
| Walnut Creek | 100 |



From the District Administrator

Grants, Sponsorships and Donations

The following organizations are offering Grants:

Dick's Sporting Goods
Major League Baseball
TMobile

Information about the grants are attached.

The following organizations are offering Donations:

Good Sport
Smart & Final

Information about the donations are attached.

The following organizations are offering Sponsorships:

Dick's Sporting Goods

Information about the Sponsorships are attached.

Best of Luck

After serving on the District staff for the past 2 seasons, it is with gratitude we thank Marco Rosen for his service to the California District 4 family.

Marco has picked up and moved to Colorado where a new job awaits as well as new Little League adventures.

We wish him the best of luck and look forward to reuniting in San Bernardino as he will be working the 2021 Western Region Baseball Tournament in August.

Thanks Marco and best wishes.

Steve Harris will step in to handle the teenage baseball duties.



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From Geoff Shiu, ADA

From ADA Volunteer Coordinator,
Grayson Lawrence

District Volunteer of the Year

As everyone is aware of, Little League is a volunteer organization, from the league board, coaches, umpires and all the way down to team parents. One of the more difficult tasks of running a league is ensuring all jobs are filled through the long Little League season. Finding volunteers who will dedicate their valuable free time to your league is a key responsibility (and hopefully strength) of the board. During the season, certain volunteers in your league will go above and beyond expectations to make a positive impact, whether it be leading a key project, an outstanding coach, or someone who is always available to pinch-hit when you have that last second open slot to fill.

District 4 wants to recognize these individuals. We ask that by the end of the regular season, each league nominate a "League Volunteer of the Year" -- some leagues may already be doing this. But different this year will be that District 4 will award a "District Volunteer of the Year". By June, we will ask that you provide a summary of your volunteer of the year. From the 14 league nominations, the district will choose the District Volunteer of the Year, and that person will be honored at the District 4 Volunteer Dinner in September.



Simply text "LittleLeague" to 313131 and T-Mobile will donate \$5, up to \$2 million, to kids in your community.

T-Mobile Little League® Call Up Grant Program Making participation more affordable for kids and families

The T-Mobile Little League® Call Up Grant Program is dedicated to helping families in need by covering registration fees associated with their local Little League®. T-Mobile and Little League share the belief that every child should have the chance to experience Little League, regardless of their financial or personal situation.

APPLICATION NOTIFICATION

The 2021 T-Mobile Little League® Call Up Grant Program will launch in early December. If you're interested in applying for a Call Up Grant for the 2021 season, please complete the form at the following link: <https://www.littleleague.org/call-up-grant-program/> to receive updates about the program and how to apply.

Check out www.T-MobileCallUpGrant.com to see a live tracker of where your donations are going. Then, tell your friends!

Plus, along with giving fans the chance to rally around a good cause this MLB Postseason, today the Un-carrier is teaming up with MLB to bring fans alongside players as they gear up for the 116th Fall Classic ... virtually! T-Mobile 5G BatterCams mounted on player and coach hats will provide a first-person look at the action, while 360-degree T-Mobile 5G FieldCams will transport fans to the field. The unprecedented livestream is made possible by T-Mobile's nationwide 5G network which enables high-definition cameras to transmit wirelessly, allowing for true mobility. Fans can tune in before Game One of the World Series on MLB.com, Twitch, @MLB on Twitter, Facebook, the MLB app, MLB.TV, the MLB VR app on Oculus, as well as T-MobileBeyondtheBases.com.

Dick's <https://www.sportsmatter.org/funding/>

If you're a nonprofit organization that is helping youth from low socioeconomic communities and families, you can ask for a cash grant from The DSGF. Please go to the grant request form and provide all relevant information. If you have questions, please consult the [FAQ](#).

<https://www.sportsmatter.org/faq/>

Timing

Grant requests are accepted on a rolling basis. We review all new grant requests on a monthly basis. We will get back to you with a decision or seeking additional information within 60 days.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a 501c3 organization
- Must be in a community in which we have a store presence
- Must have a team youth sports focus
- Must not be a religious or political causes, individual, scholarship, political campaign or candidate.
- Request must be under \$25,000
- Must be one of these sports:
Archery, Boxing, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cricket, Cross-Country, Curling, Cycling, Dance Team, Distance Running, Diving, Equestrian, Fencing, Field Hockey, Fishing, Flag Football, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Kayaking, Lacrosse, Martial Arts/ Kung Fu, Mixed Martial Arts, Mountain Biking, Mountain Climbing, Netball, Pickleball, Polo, Racquet Sports, Rowing, Rugby, Sailing, Skating, Skiing / Snowboarding, Soccer, Softball, Squash, Swimming, T-Ball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Track and Field, Triathlon, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Water Polo, Weight Lifting, Wrestling.

Dick's Sponsorship <http://dsgsports.sponsorport.com/>

If you're a community youth sports team or a youth sports league that is helping youth from low socioeconomic communities and families, you can ask for sponsorship from The DICK'S Sporting Goods company. Please go to the sponsorship request form and provide all relevant information. If you have questions, please consult the FAQ.

Timing

Grant requests are accepted on a rolling basis. We review all new sponsorship requests on an ongoing basis. We will get back to you with a decision or seeking additional information within 30-90 days.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a youth sports team or league
- Must be in a community in which we have a store presence
- Must not be a religious or political causes, individual, scholarship, political campaign or candidate.
- Must be one of these sports (some flexibility):
Archery, Boxing, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cricket, Cross-Country, Curling, Cycling, Dance Team, Distance Running, Diving, Equestrian, Fencing, Field Hockey, Fishing, Flag Football, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Kayaking, Lacrosse, Martial Arts/ Kung Fu, Mixed Martial Arts, Mountain Biking, Mountain Climbing, Netball, Pickleball, Polo, Racquet Sports, Rowing, Rugby, Sailing, Skating, Skiing / Snowboarding, Soccer, Softball, Squash, Swimming, T-Ball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Track and Field, Triathlon, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Water Polo, Weight Lifting, Wrestling.

Major League Baseball <https://www.mlb.com/baseball-tomorrow-fund/how-to-apply>

MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation *(the "Foundation") is a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association. It was created to increase participation in and expand access to youth baseball and softball. The Foundation makes grants to organizations in the United States and internationally. The Foundation accepts applications throughout the year, and grant decisions are made by its Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants are evaluated to determine their effectiveness at increasing participation in and expanding access to youth baseball and softball. The Foundation seeks to fund organizations with the following characteristics:

- Bold, innovative and creative ideas to increase opportunities for youth (20 and under), in particular youth who are minorities, girls and/or located in underserved communities.
- Strong sense of mission and ability to accomplish that mission.
- Related experience and/or a proven track record.
- Committed leadership and a dedicated staff.
- Understanding and knowledge of the community and population served.
- Financial stability for sustainability.
- Business plan to attract other funders and proven co-funding from other sources.
- Belief in community development through the games of youth baseball and softball.
- Use of youth baseball and softball to help underserved youth succeed beyond the field.

What do we support?

The Foundation considers requests for a variety of purposes including funding capital projects (e.g., field renovations), baseball/softball programs, and education initiatives.

- Capital projects include: building and renovating fields and practice facilities and installing lighting.
- Baseball/Softball programs include: in-school/after-school baseball/softball programming, equipment and uniforms, umpire fees, player registration fees and practice facility rental fees.
- Education initiatives include: programs, exhibits and other learning opportunities that use baseball and softball as its primary focus to promote interest and engagement in the game.

What we do not support?

- The Foundation does not support annual operating expenses including, but not limited to, fundraising costs, salaries, insurance costs, administrative expenses, membership dues, advertising and promotional expenses, bank charges, audit expenses and other third-party overhead costs.
- Fields used for sports and activities other than youth baseball and softball.
- Travel teams, except for those serving low-income players.
- Restroom and concession stand construction.
- Individual player scholarships or sponsorships.
- **If you are interested in applying**
- If you are interested in applying, download the **Letter of Inquiry** instructions above. In order for the Letter of Inquiry to be considered complete for review, please ensure all criteria listed in the instructions are addressed in your document and submit a completed budget using the template provided above.
- Please note the Foundation does not set a funding range for grant requests. Your organization should ensure the submitted budget includes full details of all program/project expenses as outlined in the budget template.
- You will receive an update within 60 days following your Letter of Inquiry submission. The Foundation may request a phone call to review your project/program if it has additional questions. Please submit a copy to **YDF@mlb.com**. COVID-19 Guidelines require no mail-in Letter of Inquiries until further notice.

When will the 2021 T-Mobile Little League Call Up program launch?

The 2021 T-Mobile Little League® Call Up Grant Program will launch in early December. If you're interested in applying for a Call Up Grant for the 2021 season, please complete the application notification. <https://www.littleleague.org/call-up-grant-program/#app>

How does it work?

This grant program offers a simple-to-use process for getting your child's registration fees covered. Our goal is to provide families the resources to get and keep kids on the field. Qualified families who are interested in joining a local Little League program for the 2021 December, and before their local league registration closes.

What are the qualifications?

Low-income families across the country can register their children for Little League® in either the baseball, softball, or challenger division.

The T-Mobile Little League® Call Up Grant is available to eligible families with children as young as 4 years old interested in joining Little League®.

Parents, legal guardians, league officers, or advocates may apply online by visiting [LittleLeague.org/CallUpGrant](https://www.littleleague.org/CallUpGrant) to receive funding to cover Little League® registration fees.

Payment will be made to the local Little League® program.

Families must submit an electronic copy of one of the following documents verifying their low-income status to complete the online registration:

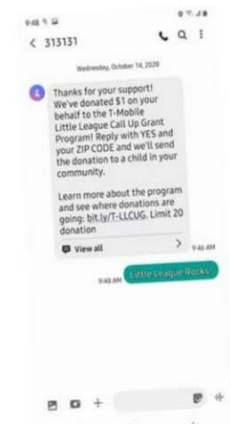
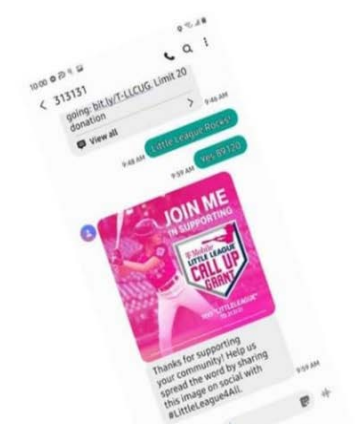
Free / Reduced Lunch (FRL) verification letter

SNAP

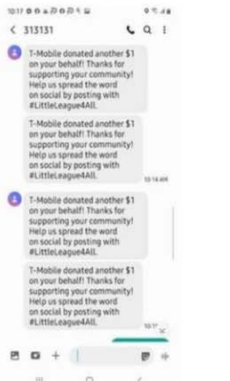
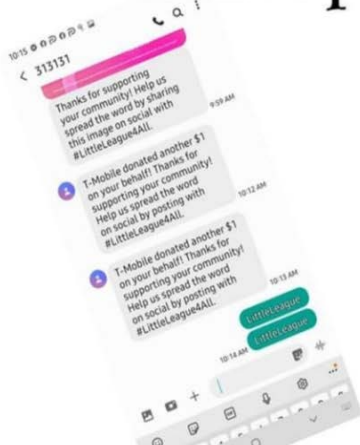
WIC

Foster child paperwork

Enrollment in Medicaid or state health plan



Text up to 20 times!



Good Sports <https://www.goodsports.org/apply/>

All interested programs must submit an application in order to be considered for an equipment donation. **We accept applications on a rolling basis (no deadline).** It can take up to two weeks to review an application.

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Your organization directly serves youth between the ages of 3-18 years old
- Your organization serves youth in an economically disadvantaged area
- Your organization charges a participation fee of \$299 or below
- **Schools Only:** More than half of the student body must be eligible for free/reduced lunch. We predominantly do not support schools that charge a tuition.
- Your organization is located in the United States
- Organization provides access to play for kids (this can take many different forms and does not have to be a structured sports program)

Additionally, Good Sports is NOT able to donate to the following:

- Short-term events such as sports camps, running/walking events, and tournaments
- Individual athletes

All approved organizations will:

- Gain access to our catalog of available inventory, which displays the equipment, apparel, and footwear that we have available
- Be able to use up to six (6) equipment requests over a two-year period

FINALLY, PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- You will be required to sign a [release form](#) and pay a shipping and handling fee prior to receiving each donation. The fee will always equal 5% of the total retail value of the items; for example, if the total value of your items equals \$2,000, you will be asked to provide \$100, etc. There is no maximum fee.
- It is recommended that you print a hard copy of your application for your own records.
- Make sure you are using the most updated version of your web browser when completing the application.
- Choose the appropriate button below to get started! If at any point in the application process you find that you have questions, issues, or concerns regarding this process, please visit the [FAQ page](#) or send an email to community@goodsports.org for assistance.

Smart and Final <https://sfcharities.versaic.com/login>

The Smart & Final Charitable Foundation strives to give back to and nourish the communities we serve in California, Arizona and Nevada through our Pillars of Focus:

- Health & Wellness
- Education
- Hunger Relief
- Team Sports & Youth Development
- Disaster Relief

If your non-profit organization is located in a community we serve, is registered as a 501(c)3 and meets one of the Pillars of Focus, we encourage you to apply for a donation.

Exclusions

Although the Foundation would like to provide funds to every organization, we will not fund the following:

- Individuals or For-Profit Organizations
- Political Parties, Organizations or Activities
- Capital Campaigns
- Advocacy Programs
- Meetings, Conferences or Workshops
- Animal Advocacy Programs
- Teacher Appreciation, Dances or Luncheons

Due to the high volume of requests, please note:

- Only online applications are accepted
- A minimum of 60 days is required for review
- If your organization is approved, an email will be sent from the Foundation
- While we would like to fund every request, the needs are often greater than our resources and we may not be able to respond to every request favorably

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Smart & Final Charitable Foundation will be slower to respond to requests submitted through smartandfinal.com. We will be temporarily expanding our response time past 60 days and apologize for any inconvenience. We will remain passionate about our charitable giving to the communities we serve, especially during this challenging time, so please continue to apply knowing we are doing our best to respond as quickly as possible to your requests.