



. . . The Friends of Baseball Newsletter. . .

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Dear "*Friend of Baseball,*"

We were very pleased to hear from so many of you regarding our Coach and Volunteer of the Year Awards. The enthusiasm that was translated in your nominations was very meaningful to FOB, the Portland Beavers, and the Oregon Sports Authority Foundation. Collectively, our only regret is that there can be only one honoree for each award. On behalf of all the program partners, we are very pleased to announce:

2007 Coach of the Year Honoree
Ron Wold, Beaverton Summer Baseball & Softball Association,
Murrayhill Little League

2007 Volunteer of the Year Honoree
Kevin & Kellie Walker, Sellwood Jr. Baseball

These individuals have made truly significant impact on their respective youth baseball communities. More importantly, they represent an amazing community of "individuals" giving back to youth baseball and softball. We tip our hat and congratulate not only these individuals, but to all of our Finalists. Formal presentations and recognition of our Finalists and Honorees will be made at P.G.E. Park June 2nd and 3rd during Portland Beavers Youth Baseball Weekend. Each Honoree will receive a \$1000. grant from Friends of Baseball to be enjoyed by their individual league(s). Learn more about this year's [Honorees](#), this event and our announcement of all the amazing [Finalists](#), at Friendsofbaseball.org

FOB Announces Six New Grants

Our Trustees are pleased to announce our largest number of grants to date. While this suggests a remarkable group of grant applications, it also suggests that through your help word is getting out that this type of assistance is available. We are very pleased to announce the following grantees: ***Putnam Youth Baseball-North Clackamas Community Park, Corbett Youth Sports, Gresham High School Softball, West Salem Titans Junior Baseball, Liberty High School and Willamette Little League.*** Congratulations to these very worthy organizations and

to all of their administrators whose efforts made it happen. Details available on our website.

New Partners and Providers

In recent months our organization has created an amazing number of new relationships with individuals, service providers and corporations who continue to ask the simplest of questions: How can we help? We feel very fortunate that these individuals believe both in youth baseball and in the vision of our Board of Trustees. They often ask for no special recognition as they assist the teams and leagues in our region, and we certainly wish to honor these requests. I believe it is very important, however, that you know that these partners allow us to, in some cases, double the value of our financial resources. On behalf of our Grantees and our Trustees, we sincerely wish to thank you for all of your support ... you know who you are.

What Do We Do?

The activities to which our organization is committed have begun to evolve. While we continue to focus our efforts on providing effective grant making where the need is great, we now find ourselves working with many organizations on both long and short term planning for the future growth and expansion of their leagues. Our Trustees have all enjoyed professional business careers that often translate well in assisting in the management and community relations aspects and questions asked by our region's baseball leagues. We have worked with committees wishing to build new fields, gathered support to protect fields that may be at risk, and also helped secure alternative funding in the absence of our ability to offer our current support. We are not here to discuss what we do, but to help with what YOU do to make your league strong and sustainable for generations to come.

Lastly, we have added a "Guest Book" link from the "Contact Us" link on our website home page. If you have some brief, let alone extended thoughts or comments we always enjoy hearing from you. . . At the end of the day, it is all about a relevant product that continues to evolve with progress and sustained impact; let us hear from you.

It would seem that the warmer weather has finally provided us with the dry fields that we all hope for. Have a great season; we hope to be able to meet with many of you personally at P.G.E. Park come June 2nd and 3rd.

See you at the park. . .

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***"A life is not important except in the impact it makes on other lives. . ."* Jackie Robinson**

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