ANNUAL FUND-RAISING LETTER

Please accept this letter as a select request for your charitable contribution for the BOYS OF BASEBALL - NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM, which was formed in 1995 as a not-for profit, 501 © 3 tax-exempt, educational and youth development charitable publicly-supported organization. Please review our current schedule and related material on our website, <u>www.boysofbaseball.com</u>. Dedicated to providing meaningful educational and developmental activities, along with wholesome learning experiences for youth and families through the game of baseball, a stable financial base is essential to our organizational existence and program success. This letter represents our ANNUAL GIVING initiative to enable a broad base of youth and family participation. Individuals from all geographic, ethnic, and socio-economic backgrounds will be able to benefit directly from this opportunity...no player or family has ever missed out, or not participated in any way, because of limited/lack of financial resources.

Players from the following states have participated with our various age-group teams (i.e., 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and high school/18 & under) AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI, and Canada. The opportunity for team members and their respective families to meet one another, to team up and play together, and to develop lasting, wholesome friendships is made available through the BOYS OF BASEBALL - NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM. These quality interpersonal relationships, combined with the learning associated with occasional travel to different places, stand as enduring testaments to the lasting value of participation with our team activities and team initiatives. Many players and families "grow up" with us, while continuing to develop and strengthen such quality life friendships.

Players and families often have limited financial resources with which to pay for the player participation expenses associated with each instructional activity and/or tournament. Travel, lodging, meals, uniforms, equipment, tournament entry fees, facility/field rental, phone/fax, postage, website maintenance, and nominal assistance with coaches'/administrative costs require substantial funding. Often, financial deficits result, as revenues are not able to keep pace with actual costs, even with diligent budgetary constraint and scrutiny. Largely, this is due to our philosophical inclination to openly encourage and enable participation of everyone, including many of those who do not have the ability to fund their own involvement...the BOYS OF BASEBALL - NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM is firmly committed to the premise that active participation in good and exciting team efforts, when organized, managed, and conducted in an effective/first-class manner, will result in positive, important, and lasting impact on the lives of young people and their families. And, as a direct consequence of our program, players routinely learn responsible citizenship, always leaving each site, each situation, and each other in better shape than we found them.

During the past years, our teams have participated in more than 250 age-group tournaments have been conducted throughout 13 states, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic...clearly, our activity is nation-wide. It is the purpose herein to request consideration for monetary support (all of which is tax-deductible). Your contribution, whether from individual or corporate sources, will certainly help. 100% of all donations will be applied fully and directly to program operations and expenses related to player/family participation.

Your contribution will provide many benefits, including the following:

- Support of youth/families who reside in your community, state, region, and country.
- Enables participation in wholesome, meaningful educational activities.
- Enhances the level of baseball skills through quality instruction and experiences.
- Creation of great friendships and lasting memories for participants.
- Worthwhile tax-deductible, charitable contribution.

It is the commitment and official record of the BOYS OF BASEBALL - NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM to operate in a fully legal and professional manner in its entirety, at all times. As such, an annual external audit is conducted by an appropriately credentialed, credible, and reputable individual/accounting firm. Such accounting procedures will assure responsible stewardship of all financial contributions.

In addition to age-group tournaments, numerous baseball instructional and developmental activities are conducted in various locations throughout the year for players, parents/families, and coaches. Please access our website <u>www.boysofbaseball.com</u> for details, testimonials, and overview.

Character, quality, commitment, class, and capability serve as the basis for player selection, team formulation, coaching decisions, and overall team operation. The BOYS OF BASEBALL - NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM provides a nationally recognized, well-respected vehicle to pull together young people and their families, to meet one another, to learn and play exciting top-flite baseball, and to create sound friendships, all the while contributing to the wholesome development of all of its participants. We have already made a lasting, constructive difference in the lives of hundreds of young people...we wish to be able to continue on this worthwhile path. Your consideration of this request for support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Very sincerely, Dr. Stephen E. Cosgrove, *Manager & Coach*

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