



Friends OF Baseball

PLAY BALL!



Friends of Baseball hosted PLAYBALL Events at over 25 locations this summer, providing access and entry points to baseball/softball to over 1200 youth! FOB recently partnered with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for a PLAYBALL event which featured baseball/softball skills stations led by FOB Coaches, FOB Ballplayer Kits, and a ball park lunch for all participants. Thank you to our partners and counsel members, Michael Langley and Kathleen George, for making sure the Grand Ronde community has the opportunity to swing for the fences.

IMPACTING LIVES

Over the past 12 months, FOB's Full Count RBI Youth Programs have served approximately 750 youth enrolled in our after-school SUN Programs, Community Center classes, "Play Catch With a Coach" Program, Baseball Skills Clinics, and Summer Camps. All Full Count RBI youth programs provide fun, active play in a safe, supportive environment - with the goal to build Major League Citizens.



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I'd like to introduce myself to you as the new Executive Director of Friends of Baseball. I am very excited to be leading such an important effort in providing access and opportunity to the community I grew up in. I look forward to continuing to identify new opportunities to increase visibility of the important equitable work we do so that every child has the the opportunity to swing for the fences on and off the field.

We are excited to announce we've been awarded support from Nike Community Fund, Juan Young Trust, Pacific Power Foundation, JTMF Foundation, Portland Parks & Rec and PIL Athletics. Thank you for believing in our mission.

# Recap and Upcoming Events



## FULL COUNT RBI FIELD TRIP to Seattle!

### Seattle Mariners vs NY Yankees

Last month, over 70 Full Count RBI Baseball and Softball campers, FOB Staff, and Summer Fellows attended a Seattle Mariners game at T-Mobile Park in Seattle. This memorable day at the ballpark provided many campers with their first ever Major League Baseball game experience! During the 4th inning, FOB Director of Baseball Operations, Coach Gerald Bolden, was honored as one of the region's most impactful members, when the Mariners recognized him as a "Hometown All-Star" for his work in the community. Way to go, Coach B!

## GIRLS LEAD SOFTBALL CAMP



28 campers attended the 2nd annual Girls Lead Softball Camp, which featured softball skills instruction for beginning and intermediate ballplayers, softball scrimmages, leadership activities, and "Woman Leaders" lunchtime speakers.

## ELITE SKILLS BASEBALL CAMP

FOB's Full Count Elite Skills Baseball Camp at Jefferson HS provided individualized skills training to 31 middle school baseball players who are serious about playing high school baseball. Expert skills instruction was provided by PIL Baseball Coaches and FOB Skills Instructors.



## Upcoming Events

**FRIENDS OF BASEBALL'S  
ANNUAL SWING FOR  
THE FENCES GALA:  
DATE CHANGE**

## Game Change Announcement

We would like to announce that the Swing for the Fences Gala will be moving to Spring 2023.

We will send more updates and information as it becomes available. We thank you for your support as we work to create more opportunities for young ballplayers across the Northwest!

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