



**Dear Morton Youth Baseball (MYBA) Friends and Supporters,**

The Morton Baseball Community just finished an incredible year of success in 2018. It all began with Morton High School capturing their second State Baseball Title. Not only does it give us all great pride in these young men and coaches, but it also gives an extra boost to MYBA. Most if not all of those players, passed thru MYBA as in-house and travel baseball players. The amount of volunteer work done by our board of directors, coaches and associates, contributes greatly to the overall success of baseball in Morton.

During 2018, we successfully provided baseball opportunities for over 500 Morton kids from ages 4 to 18. We also spent a good deal of money improving our facilities. During the year, we added protective netting to stop foul balls from entering the stands, we completely redid Jimmy John's field (field 1) and added irrigation to two of our fields. Thru sponsorships, fundraising, concessions and tournaments, we were able to run a tight ship that saw us run a slight surplus of funds, which we plan on pouring back into the baseball program. MYBA invests over \$400 per player who plays at Westwood Park. But thru fundraising and other initiatives, we charge 80% of our players much less than that.

We are now turning our sights to 2019 as we continue to primarily focus on our development of baseball players at EVERY level. Another great year of weather afforded us the opportunity to develop over 500 youth throughout the season's 450+ baseball games and countless practices, but also showcase one of the best baseball complexes in the area, Westwood Park.

Following last year's Fundraising and Sponsorship initiative, we intend to continue to demonstrate our appreciation for your support through recognizing your organization both at Westwood Park and online at MortonYouthBaseball.org. Our MYBA Board of Directors is energetic and plans to maximize the value of your contribution through updated signage and banners at the fields, updating and sharing social media on a frequent basis, and increasing overall awareness of our sponsors well before the season begins.

We would also like to remind you that MYBA is now a **501(c)(3)** organization, so your donations can be tax deductible!

We can't thank you enough for the generous support that MYBA has always received from the community and look forward to our future partnership. Any amount is gratefully appreciated and even the smallest donations will receive MYBA website recognition. Please let us know if you have any questions and we will be following up with you in the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,

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