



Bennington Little League

P.O. Box 4603, Bennington, Vermont 05201



Patrons,

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It is with great pride; Bennington Little League announces its biggest endeavor in over 30 years. Thanks to the generosity of lifelong friend and local philanthropist Phil O'Neill combined with Boston Red Sox, World Series Champion and Cy Young Award Winner Rick Porcello, the dream of an indoor facility is finally within reach. The work, however, has only just begun. It is now up to our community both local and afar to step up and bring this project across the plate. As such, we are officially kicking off a fundraising campaign to help transform the Bennington Baseball Park into a year-round community use complex.

Bennington Little League, currently entering its 65th year of bringing youth baseball to the local community, has been longing for an indoor training facility since we purchased the property on Park Street in the early 70's. This campaign will allow us the capital to see this need become a reality. The plan is to construct a new 50'x80' facility with three retractable batting / pitching cages, a warm up area all covered in turf, as well as restrooms, office, and meeting area. For our program this building will not only help children foster a love for America's pastime but also allow for continued honing of their skills as they mature into high school and collegiate athletes. However, the bigger picture is to provide indoor opportunities for a much broader spectrum of the community.



As part of the overall project, the master plan is to pave our parking area and build a new maintenance and restroom facility in place of the existing, battered, and outdated structure with the goal of improving the everyday experience of our players and their families. This new facility will have proper, updated bathrooms, including handicap accessible stations and expanded storage with rodent proof areas for equipment and uniforms.

Those of you who played or had/have a loved one play at our complex have witnessed major improvements over the past 20 years. The Board of Directors has worked tirelessly during that time to improve both the facility and experience. Many of our Members no longer have children in the program but continue to donate their time as they see the positive effect it has on the athletes and families alike. We are proud to have some of the nicest fields in Vermont, and with your help we can make the site a baseball destination. We feel strongly that having this facility will rise the tide of local youth sports for the Bennington and the surrounding areas as we offer a more convenient travel option than currently afforded.

With your help, we can impact our community together. Bennington Little League is a registered 501c3 organization so any donations are eligible for tax reductions. Any level of donation is greatly appreciated, though for those of you able and willing to donate any of the amounts described below, a plaque will be developed and located at the new training facility to commemorate your generosity for generations. They will be tiered to acknowledge your impact appropriately.

Bronze: \$1,000+	Silver: \$5,000+	Gold: \$10,000+	Platinum: Please call for more info
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Please mail donation to: Bennington Little League | PO Box 4603 | Bennington, Vermont 05201

For questions, contact Matt Maroney @ (802) 447.8610 to set up a phone call or in person meeting

Thank you on behalf of the Bennington Little League Board of Directors