

February 19, 2007

Parwez Alam, County Administrator  
Leon County Board of County Commissioners  
301 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

RE: Miracle League Funding for FY 2006-2007

Dear PA,

The funding in the amount of \$ 71,250.00, which has been budgeted to assist with cost associated with construction of the Miracle Field, is greatly appreciated. We are attaching the letter of October 18, 2006 for your reference.

The Kiwanis Clubs of the Big Bend (11 in all) will be assisting David Jones of the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association with the fundraising to complete the project. We hope to begin construction after the end of the regular softball season in 2007 and have the Miracle Field ready for play in Spring of 2008.

The field will be located at Messer North Softball Complex and will utilize an existing field which will be designed to certain specifications, including appropriate paving, installation of rubber turf, and, for safety assurance, dugouts and enclosures, which will be entirely accessible.

Attached is the fundraising letter, which is being used for community awareness and seeking contributions and donations, and also a color brochure and color picture of a similar Miracle Field in another state. There currently is no accessible field in the Big Bend area. We will keep all informed of our progress and will request time for a presentation at a future meeting of the County Commission.

Sincerely,

F. James Wylie, Jr.  
Capital City Kiwanis Club (850-567-1705)

Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners  
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**Chairman Ed DePuy**  
301 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Chairman DePuy,

**If I were to tell you about an organized youth baseball league,  
You might call it ordinary.  
If I were to tell you the athletes are physically and mentally challenged  
You might call it touching.  
If you were to see them play, you would call it a Miracle**

**EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHANCE TO PLAY BASEBALL.**

The City of Tallahassee, Leon County, The Florida Disabled Outdoor Association and the Big Bend Area Kiwanis Clubs of Leon, Taylor, Madison, Jefferson and Gadsden Counties are teaming up to create the ***KIWANIS MIRACLE LEAGUE of TALLAHASSEE***. The field will be located at Messer Recreational Complex on land donated by the City of Tallahassee. In addition, the City has donated \$ 75,000 of in-kind services, Leon County has donated \$ 71,250 in funding to assist with construction, and the Florida Disabled Outdoor Association is providing administration and coordination, all to enable children with disabilities, along with their family and friends, to enjoy the benefits of playing baseball and other sports just as our other children without disabilities do. Currently, no accessible field or baseball program exists in the Big Bend area. The local Kiwanis Clubs are committed to raising as much as \$ 250,000 to make this "field of dreams" a local reality.

The Kiwanis Miracle League of Tallahassee field will be used year round for a variety of sporting activities, such as soccer, power soccer, and wheelchair sports like basketball, tennis, rugby, adult softball, and others. The Miracle League will be a community treasure.

The Kiwanis Miracle League field will compliment existing programs, such as the Challenger Baseball program now offered through the county. There are many parents who have expressed their support and commitment because this will offer continuous opportunities for many who cannot play or have great difficulty playing on a regular baseball field. These special children will be able to hit, catch, and score a run. They'll build self-esteem and make friendships that may last a lifetime.

The Miracle Field is designed to certain specifications, including appropriate paving, installation of rubber turf and, for safety assurance, dugouts, bathrooms, and enclosures that will be entirely accessible. The dimensions will match those of a regular, youth-size baseball field.

During all Miracle League games, each child is given a chance to play and enjoy America's favorite pastime. We no longer want disabled children to view the game through the fence. Our hope is that through the help of The Kiwanis Miracle League of Tallahassee every child will have the fun they deserve. They have the Determination, they have the Drive, and they have the Heart. Now, all they need is a FIELD.

Fundraising efforts are underway to raise the \$ 250,000 or more to construct this special place in our community. Several civic and business leaders have donated their services to the Kiwanis Miracle Field and donations are already being accepted. In fact, the local Kiwanis Clubs and other civic organizations that assist in community projects, especially where children are involved, are leading the fundraising efforts for this significant investment to make this "field of dreams" come true.

*We cannot change or cure the medical issues life has dealt children with disabilities. What we can do is provide them with an opportunity to experience the joys and benefits that come from playing our national pastime—baseball. Please help and be a part of a true miracle in the making.*

We look forward to talking with you in the near future and trust we can expect your financial support for our children with special needs and their desire to play the great game of baseball.

Sincerely,

Bill Zottoli, Tallahassee Kiwanis  
567-3226

Jim Wylie, Capital City Kiwanis  
567-1705

**Kiwanis Miracle League of Tallahassee  
Sponsorship Opportunities**

- Miracle League Local Hero Sponsor** **\$ 5,000.00**  
Company Name or Logo On Miracle League Wall of Fame  
**Company Name & Logo on Outfield Fence**  
**Media recognition on all sponsor listings**
- Miracle League Angel Sponsor** **\$ 1,000.00**  
**Company Name & Logo on Outfield Fence**  
**Media recognition on all sponsor listings**
- Miracle League Team Sponsor** **\$ 500.00**  
**Media recognition on all sponsor listings**  
**Sponsorship Plaque**
- Miracle League Player Scholarship** **\$ 50.00 to \$ 250.00**  
**Covers the cost of any player whose family**  
**Is unable to pay the registration fee**

**Please Accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Whatever amount you wish)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Business** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: Florida Disabled Outdoors Association (FDOA)  
For Kiwanis Miracle League of Tallahassee**  
**Mail to: 2475 Apalachee Parkway – Suite 205 , Tallahassee, FL 32309**  
**(850) 668-7323 - [info@fdoa.org](mailto:info@fdoa.org) - [www.fdoa.org](http://www.fdoa.org)**

**FDOA is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization and gratefully accepts donations  
And in-kind gifts. All contributions are tax deductible**



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October 18, 2006

Mr. David Jones  
Florida Disabled Outdoors Association  
2213 Tallahassee Drive  
Tallahassee, Florida 32309

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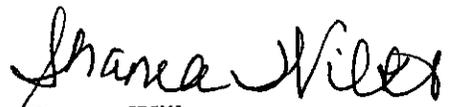
Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter is to inform you that the Leon County Board of County Commissioners approved line-item funding to assist in the construction of a Miracle League field at its September 19, 2006 meeting.

Funding in the amount of \$71,250 has been budgeted to assist with costs associated with the construction of the Miracle League field. By copy of this letter, please be advised that these funds will be released directly by this office for the associated construction costs once the project has begun. Please keep this office apprised of the status of the project.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Shanea Wilks  
Management and Budget Analyst

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