

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Miracle League of Westchester is to establish and sustain baseball programs for people (of all ages) with disabilities. **Our objective is to provide an opportunity for those individuals to experience the joy and benefits that come from playing our national pastime.**

Our aims are to help the league's players develop social skills and increase self-esteem, while promoting community support and sponsorship for the league. We believe that everyone deserves a chance to play baseball.



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*Imagine a baseball league*

*where children  
with wheelchairs  
and walkers  
can bat, field,  
and safely cross  
home plate, just  
like their friends  
who don't have  
disabilities.*



*where these children are the stars...*



*There is such a league...*

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The Miracle League of Westchester is a fully accredited non-profit 501c(3) organization created to give children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to play baseball in an organized league—a league that celebrates their spirit and participation in a non-competitive atmosphere.

The first Miracle League was founded in 1997 in Conyers, Georgia. After visiting a Miracle League and watching a game, Stephen Madey made it his mission to bring the Miracle League to Westchester. In 2005, Madey was able to merge his two lifelong passions--baseball and working with people with disabilities--to found the Miracle League of Westchester and become its executive director.



What makes the Miracle League unique is the Miracle Field at Ridge Road Park in Hartsdale, New York. Miracle Field is a specially designed facility with a rubberized, cushioned turf and accessible dugouts. The field's smooth surface allows Miracle League players to enjoy games in a safe and unencumbered fashion.

Miracle Field at Ridge Road Park was funded with a legacy grant from Westchester County through an initiative developed by the office of County Executive Andy Spano and the Westchester County Board of Legislators.



### MIRACLE LEAGUE PLAYERS...

In its inaugural fall season in 2006, the Miracle League had 120 players from age 4 up to 18. For these young players, the new field was truly a miracle. At the end of Opening Day 2006 one young player exclaimed, "This was the greatest day of my life!"

Even the shyest or most reluctant child, once out on the field, gets into the spirit and ends up having the time of his or her life. Every player gains immeasurably from the Miracle League's non-competitive and inclusive atmosphere.

### VOLUNTEER BUDDIES

The Miracle League wouldn't work without our volunteer Buddies. Each player gets teamed up with a buddy who makes sure they both have fun and nobody gets hurt. As buddies and players interact, they learn compassion, understanding and appreciation. Most important, they all have a great time. Buddies have as much fun at the games as players do.

Volunteer coaches and parents are essential to the success of the Miracle League, too. Their dedication empowers the players and buddies and enables the Miracle League of Westchester to thrive.

*"This was the greatest day of my life!"*

### MIRACLE LEAGUE SPONSORS

As a non-profit 501c(3) organization, the Miracle League of Westchester survives on the generosity of its donors who believe as we do that every child deserves the chance to play baseball. It is our practice to enable players to participate at no cost to their families, who need to focus on the therapies, treatments and equipment their child requires.

We need sponsors to help us maintain our fee-free policy, to help offset the cost of running the league and to sponsor teams in the seasons ahead. Our success will be measured by the joy in these children's hearts, the smiles on their faces, and the excitement they will experience for the first time in their young lives.



**If you'd like to become a sponsor or make a donation, please visit our website, [www.mlwny.org](http://www.mlwny.org). For more information please contact:**

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