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### **TLBR Alumni Foundation Annual Report**

Thanks to all of you, the Foundation experienced another remarkable year! With the generosity of our founding members and our sponsors, and proceeds from the 2020 golf tournament, we were able to raise sufficient funding for seven (7) \$1,000 college scholarships for the class of 2020 graduates who played local Babe Ruth baseball.

We opened the application period in early spring and received a number of amazing responses. Reading the essays that we require as part of the application process was a testament to the local Babe Ruth baseball program, and makes all the work to raise the funding for these scholarships worthwhile. We hosted our award event in June and the following former players received the scholarship: Blake Dincman, Tyler Gerteisen, Joshua Linville, Carter Nash, Broedy Poppell, Caden Slappey, and Lawrence Steed.

During the spring, we also opened the nominations for the TLBR Alumni Foundation's Hall of Fame. Our slate of nominees generated a very tight voting race. The following former players received an almost identical number of votes and were inducted into our HOF during our banquet on November 1, 2021: Bryan Henry, Michael Hyde, Sean Gilliam and Brett Richardson.

For the very first time, our golf tournament sold out! We loved that TLBR Hall of Famer, David Ross, was our grand marshal. We also added several fun events during the tournament that were very successful\*. All in all, it was an amazing day with beautiful golf weather and a delicious dinner!

At the Hall of Fame ceremony, we received a pledge from an anonymous donor to provide two \$1,000 scholarships in honor of Richard Jackson and Cindy Meredith. These will be matched by the Foundation . . . so this year, two (2) of our scholarships will be worth \$2,000. If you are interested in funding a scholarship, please reach out to me.

Two of our original Board members, Mitch Englert and Jim Marsh, decided it was time to retire from the Board. Their past service has left an indelible mark on our Foundation and we're so very grateful for all they have done. We are fortunate to have Aaron Clark, Charles Culp, Tolga Dincman, Bill Garber, Aaron Gerteisen, and Mike Liepshutz join us in the past year, and they've already made a wonderful impact!

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We would so appreciate if you could invite any former TLBR colleague who hasn't yet joined the TLBR Alumni Foundation. That will help us continue to grow our scholarship funds and our ability to assist our local league in funding. As an example, the league requested funding for two players this year who were in need of financial help to participate in the state and regional tournaments. We helped those players, and we also made a donation to the general funds for each of the three teams to travel.

By the way, our amazing league won all three regionals this year, thus, went to the World Series in the 13-, 14- and 15-year-old age groups. How awesome is that?!!!

In closing, I want to personally thank all of you for your generous support and belief in our mission! In my 37 years of being with TLBR baseball, nothing has been more fulfilling than serving as your President.

Sincerely,

Cindy Meredith

\*Golf events:

- Dixon Challenge – Par 3: Everyone received a free Dixon golf ball, and a free sleeve if you landed on the green. Other prizes were possible with a donation.
- Aurelius Challenge – Par 5: For a donation, you had a chance to win a watch or a driver by hitting a ball into the hula hoops set up on the fairway.
- Golf Today Tee Shot Blaster – Par 5: For a donation, you could shoot a golf ball from an nitrogen-powered cannon to use as your drive.
- Walk Ons Sports Bistreaux: Provided beverages and food to all golfers on hole 10!
- Tri-Eagle Sales donated items for the post-tournament raffle!
- Thank you to all of our golf tournament sponsors!

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