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TLBR Alumni Foundation Annual Report

Happy Holidays to our extended Tallahassee-Leon Babe Ruth family! On October 30th of this year, we held our annual golf tournament and fundraiser. Many thanks to those who supported our mission by sponsoring the event, playing in the tournament, and attending the Hall of Fame banquet that evening.

At this year's event, we honored our 2023 Hall of Fame Class, Aaron Gerteisen, Brad Parker, Mackey Sasser, and Harvey Sweeney. We had a great turnout at the event and sincerely appreciate all of the support. The annual golf tournament is a perfect time to reunite with old friends, coaches, and teammates. We rely on your support and feedback to continue to improve and grow the event.

We are already looking forward to the 2024 ceremony. This will be the 40th anniversary of the 1984 World Series champions . . . Tallahassee's first. We are hoping to honor the team at the ceremony and need some help locating a few of the players. If you know how to reach any of the following players, please give David Browning their contact information: Kyle Davenport, John Foreman, Drew Marshall, and Derrick Tyler.

In May of this year, we honored 9 graduating students and former Tallahassee Babe Ruth players with \$1,000 college scholarships. These scholarships were funded by proceeds of the 2022 golf tournament. We want to congratulate the following (now college) students, our 4th class of winners: Eduardo Castillo, Bryce Jevyak, Jedd Jones, Colby Marini, Clayton Nash, Colton Rutledge, William Vislocky, Riley Walsh, and Jack Wemm!

The Foundation received donations from David Browning, Harvey Sweeney, and Cindy Meredith that will be used to endow scholarships in 2024. If you would like to endow, or partially endow one of these scholarships, please let us know!

If you know of a former player who is graduating from high school this school year (class of 2024), tell them to keep an eye out for the scholarship application. We expect to open the process in the spring.

As mentioned, we will be honoring the 1984 team next year. We will still conduct the usual Hall of Fame induction process. That begins with a call for nominations in the spring. So, be on the lookout for an email when the nomination window is open.

Please visit our website at www.tlbralumni.com for news and announcements throughout the year, or to make a tax deductible end-of-year donation.

On our website, we have a roll of the current members of the Foundation. If you know someone who is not on that list, please direct them to the website.

Sincerely,

Cindy Meredith