

A Westerville Tradition

For sixty years, recreational baseball and softball has been a part of the cultural fabric of Westerville. Tens of thousands of boys and girls have played in the JBBL, JGSL and JTBL – now a part of the WYBSL.

A more recent tradition in our community has been the placement of sculptures depicting people at play at a variety of locations around town – including the Community Center, Senior Center and Sports Complex.

Remembering the Past, the Present – and Times to Come

As a part of the WYBSL 60th Anniversary Year, the League and City will be dedicating symbols of the rich history of recreational ball in Westerville in three locations – the three main youth baseball and softball complexes at Metzger, Towers and Huber Village Parks.

The sculptures will be similar in character to those already placed in other locations.

The Memory Walls at Huber Village

In addition to the six sculptures to be installed, Huber Village Park will be the site of two Memory Walls representing the history and tens of thousands of players during the past sixty years.

These two Memory Walls, depicted on the cover of this brochure, will be located just north of the center circle in the middle of the baseball complex and will be composed of two sweeping 4' high walls (each approximately 20' long) with a series of plaques (highlighting the history of youth baseball and softball in Westerville) and more than a hundred engraved, adopted “balls” dedicated to previous or current players and families.

Become Part of this Permanent Historical Exhibit

Please consider donating to this project and having the name of your player or family added to this permanent part of the history of baseball and softball in Westerville.

Six Sculptures of Players In Three Parks

At three times during our anniversary year, we plan to install sculptures of baseball and softball players in our parks.



Metzger Park in June. A single, limited-edition sculpture titled *Fast Pitch* of a Softball Pitcher with a dedication plaque will be installed in a landscaped “pitching circle” near the entrance to the softball complex at Metzger Park during our spring/summer season.

Towers Park in August.



Two sculptures – one titled *Sandlot*, of a very young boy batter, and the other titled *A League of Their Own*, of a young girl throwing – to be placed with a dedication plaque at



Towers Park at the start of our Fall Ball season.

Huber Village Park in September. In conjunction with the dedication of our Memory Walls, three sculptures of baseball players – titled *Pitcher*, *Catcher* and *Slugger* – will be placed in the front of the walls near the center circle in game positions.



Family Support Opportunities

There are several ways that current and alumni WYBSL families can support the Memory Wall and Sculptures Project during the 60th Anniversary Year celebration.

Commemorative WYBSL Baseball or Softball

Game baseballs (\$10) and softballs (\$12) marked with the WYBSL “60 Years” logo, within a plastic cube, can be purchased at walk-in registration sessions, at our booth at 4th Fridays or at any of our anniversary special events.

Memory Wall Engraved Ball

For a donation of \$60, current and former JBBL, JGSL and WYBSL families can purchase an engraved 6" round “ball” art piece that will be incorporated into the permanent Baseball and Softball Memory Wall at Huber Village Park.

Memory Wall Memorial Tree

For a donation of \$350, Westerville will plant a tree in the Memory Wall area to honor an approved player, coach or fan of Westerville baseball and softball. Included will be a 2½” caliper tree and a 5"x7" engraved plaque with approved wording of your choice.

Memorial Park Bench

For a donation of \$1,500, a park bench near the sculpture area at any of the three parks (Metzger, Towers or Huber Village) can be purchased to commemorate a person (past or present), family, organization or event. The six-foot benches have a durable, attractive finish and come with a 2" x 10" bronze plaque for wording.

Corporate and Organization Support

There are several levels of support opportunities available to businesses and organizations – as Sponsors and Patrons. Please ask for a *Support and Sponsorship Opportunities* brochure. Our major Partners, Sponsors and Patrons of this project are shown below.



Adopt-a-Ball Order Form

“Balls” can be donated by past or present WYBSL families and fans. Please use capital letters when filling in your form below.



Top Designation: JBBL JGSL WYBSL

Engraving limited to 3 rows of 11 spaces:

Payment: Cash, Checks or Debit/Credit Card

Please make checks payable to: WYBSL
(\$60 payment per “ball” must accompany order)

Card: VISA Mastercard Discover

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Exp. Date:

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Month Year Security Code

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Please use a separate order form for each ball, but payment may be combined into one check or charge.

Order forms should be mailed with payment to:

WYBSL 60th Anniversary Committee
c/o Heidi Wilson, Secretary
7415 Benderson Drive
Westerville, OH 43082-9797

To become a part of the WYBSL’s 60th Anniversary Year or for further information, contact:

Westerville Youth Baseball and Softball League

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WYBSL thanks our partners, without whom our young people would be unable to play:

City of Westerville
Westerville Parks & Recreation Department
Westerville City Schools



Westerville Youth Baseball and Softball League is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations to WYBSL are appreciated and are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

WESTERVILLE YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE



60th Anniversary Year Memory Walls and Sculptures Project Family Commemorative Opportunities



Memory Walls and Sculptures at Huber Village Park

Join fellow families and friends in building permanent reminders of our fun playing youth baseball and softball in the parks and schools of Westerville in the JBBL, JGSL and WYBSL