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 **KML NEWS!** 

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Our 2022 Season Comes to a Close

It was SO good to be back at the KML ballpark this spring and fall after two years of COVID shutdown. We had 167 registered for spring and 143 registered for fall plus 42 coaches and LOTS of volunteers. Yes, we had some weather-related cancellations, but those didn't damper the spirits of players and coaches when play resumed. We had some great buddy groups as well as many individuals volunteer to support our players. And who can beat those walking tacos!?

And what a great way to end the year, but with our HALLOWEEN/TROPHY/PIZZA Party AT the KML ballpark. Watch for a special edition HALLOWEEN newsletter soon!

Everything is put away so we're fully winterized!

SEE YOU ALL NEXT SPRING!

Miracle League All Star Weekend Another Huge Success

The annual Miracle League Association ALL STAR WEEKEND was another wonderful experience for Miracle League players from around the country. Held this year in Murfreesboro, TN the third weekend in September, players and families gathered for what is becoming a League tradition. We were fortunate to have one of our 2021 attendees “win” in the player alumni lottery. That means that **Tobby Givler (Cubs)** got to attend a second year!



We were well represented!

As has happened in the past, the players and families were treated royally—from hotel (and pools), to food, to games and uniforms, and a memorable final night banquet. Toby and his family will have lasting memories from being a Miracle League ALL STAR in Murfreesboro.

Say something to your coach or any board member if you'd like to be considered for the 2023 ALL STAR Weekend next year in Palm Beach, Florida.

Trophy Pick-up

We handed out LOTS of trophies and rings at our annual Halloween party. And many who weren't able to attend the Halloween party picked theirs up Saturday morning, the 22nd.

We will be seeing that all coaches receive the remaining trophies for their teams. Contact your coach to arrange pick up of your player's trophy and ring.



Pictured above are various members of the KML board accepting a BIG CHECK for \$5,360.47 from Cindy Vandenburg, tourney chair.



Vision Financial Golf Tournament at Copper Creek Golf Club on September 3, 2022.

Results of Annual Vision Financial Golf Tournament

Our Kiwanis Miracle League, along with the Leagues in Ankeny and Urbandale, were the lucky recipients of proceeds from Vision Financial Group's Annual Golf Tournament. This year's tourney, held at Copper Creek Golf Club on September 3, was a smashing success. Every golfing spot was filled and got to play in glorious weather. Added this year was a silent auction and a live auction with real true-life professional auctioneers.

Mark your calendars for next year's tournament—September 1, 2023.



DMPD Annual K-9 Calendar Sale

The K-9 Unit of the Des Moines Police Department will again be selling picture calendars. And this year, the Kiwanis Miracle League will be the beneficiary of calendar sale proceeds. Watch for further details on how you can help by buying one (or more) of these great calendars.



Pictured above are various members of the KML Board accepting the memorial proceeds from Connor and his family members.

Heston Memorials

It was a sad, but happy, day for the Heston family. Connor Heston, a member of the Cubs, lost his grandmother this summer. An avid KML fan, Sue Heston, was a long-time frequenter in the stands to cheer on Connor as he got to play his favorite game of baseball. In her memory, the family suggested memorials be made to the Kiwanis Miracle League.



Annual Metro ML Games

Lots of Kiwanis Miracle League players traveled north to the Ankeny Miracle Park for our annual “away” game in June. It was the KML vs AML at 6 PM and Urbandale ML vs Ankeny ML at 7 PM. Always a fun event, players and families will be looking forward to the 2023 event, perhaps hosted by the Urbandale ML. Stay tuned!



ISU Victory Day is Special for KML Player

August 26 was VICTORY DAY at Jack Trice Stadium for kids with special needs. And one of our players, Jacob Dobson, was one of 60 to be invited. We don't know how many actually entered the "lottery," but his name was drawn, and that's all that mattered. Participants spent the day in the stadium, getting to know the football players, learning some of the plays, having pictures taken with coaches and players, and just having an all-around good time. It had to have been a thrill to be out on the 50-yard line and looking all around the stadium sights.



KML Board Updates

The Board, at its October meeting, accepted with regrets the resignations of Cory Holland and Dan Tooker. But the Board also happily accepted the return of Bob Syroka, Marlins coach, to the board table.

Calendar of Events

Nov 17	KML Board/Annual Meeting
Nov/Dec	Happy Holidays to All!
Jan 19, 2023	KML Monthly Board Meeting
Jan 21	Miracle League Day at Drake Women's Basketball Game
Mar 31	Iowa Cubs Begin 2023 Play Schedule
May 6	KML Opening Day (tentative)
Sep 1	Annual Vision Financial Golf Tournament
Nov 3-5	Annual Miracle League ALL STAR Weekend, Palm Beach FL

