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## Join Us on May 3rd to Support Kiwanis Miracle League

On May 3, 2016, from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59:59pm, Kiwanis Miracle League is participating in [Give Local Des Moines](#) – a community wide event celebrating local nonprofits. During this 24-hour crowdfunding event we are challenging YOU and our Des Moines residents to join forces, celebrate the spirit of giving, and inspire everyone to give to the nonprofit organizations that make our city stronger and create a thriving community. We will be joining thousands of nonprofits nationwide to raise money for local causes.

We hope you consider supporting us on May 3rd! Your donation goes a long way in helping our players continue to enjoy the game of baseball while sharing time with family and friends.

ON MAY 3 - [GIVE HERE >>](#)

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## Highlight Reel



## Opening Day for Spring Season is May 7th!

It's time to PLAY BALL! Come on down to the KML ball park at 9:00 am to help kick off another fun season! Here's the lineup for Opening Day...

9:00 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies & Pick-Up Game between  
ZaGaZig Shriner Clowns vs. SE Polk Girls Softball team  
Appearance by Cubby Bear  
Heather Mitchell - National Anthem  
DMPs Central Campus Color Guard  
League games from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

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## Next Up!

### Register Now for the Spring Season!

It's time to register for 2016 Spring Season. All kids with special needs ages 5 - 18 who want to play ball on a non-competitive co-ed team are eligible! If you played in a previous year or you played in the 2015 Spring or Fall Season, and you want to play this year, PLEASE REGISTER YOUR PLAYER ONLINE. YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR PLAYER ONLINE.

You can access our player registration system by simply going to our web site [www.kiwanismiracleleague.org](http://www.kiwanismiracleleague.org) and clicking on the purple REGISTER button, or you can click the registration button below.

Register

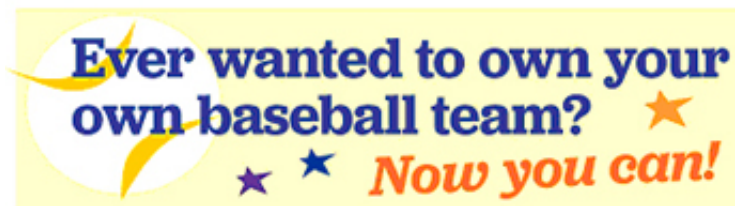
We have a new uniform vendor this year. Unfortunately, due to this change – new uniforms will not be available on opening day. Team/individual pictures will be scheduled after new uniforms arrive.

Questions? Contact Joyce Bryne, player committee chair, at [joycelbyrne@aol.com](mailto:joycelbyrne@aol.com) or 515.208.0822.

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## Become a 2016 Team Sponsor!



## It's not too late to become a 2016 Team Sponsor!

Your contribution of \$500 will go a long way in helping the Kiwanis Miracle League continue to be available to all of our players free of charge.

You or your company will get a vinyl banner that will hang on our dugouts throughout the 2016 season. You'll be listed on our web site and in the many brochures we make available throughout the year. But best of all, you'll be helping our players realize their dreams of playing baseball on a real team and on a real field!

Contact Jan Burch, board president, for more information 515.457.7691 or [burchhr@aol.com](mailto:burchhr@aol.com).

[Download the KML Team Sponsor Brochure >>](#)

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## Whiff-It

**2016 Whiff-It Tournament scheduled for June 11!**

The 2016 tournament will be held on Saturday, June 11th at Campbell Park. Whiff-It is a co-ed, easy to play version of whiffle ball: nobody runs the bases, teams are co-ed and you pitch to your own team. Each team is guaranteed 4 games and every player will get their own custom Whiff-It t-shirt! Registration opened March 1st.



A special thanks to **West Bank**, **Willis Auto Campus** and **Zac Bales-Henry** for once again sponsoring Whiff-It in 2016. As always, all proceeds directly benefit the Kiwanis Miracle League. And special thanks, too, to Doug Vinsand, KML board member, for hosting this annual tournament!

If you're interested in fielding a team or would like to be a sponsor of Whiff-It, please contact [whiffitdsm@gmail.com](mailto:whiffitdsm@gmail.com) or 515-954-0449.

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## Adult League

### Kiwanis Miracle League Adult League forming this Spring!

Calling all baseball lovers! We're starting an adult league on May 14th and our games will be played from 4:00-5:00pm. If you've played in the Miracle League before and have aged out of the youth league OR if you're an adult who would like to play for the first time we'd love to have you come join in the fun. You can register at the KML ball park and be sure to "bring your own buddy" as we won't be able to provide Buddies during the first season. Since this is brand new for all of us we'll start with a "pickup" style game and let everyone bat, throw, run the bases, or whatever suits their fancy! See you on the 14th and as they say, "play ball!" Questions? Contact KML board member, Mike Schneider at [kalcorsdad@msn.com](mailto:kalcorsdad@msn.com) for more information.

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## Donor Opportunities



Do you shop online at Amazon.com? Whether you're a casual or frequent Amazon shopper, your

purchases can help the Kiwanis Miracle League!

The next time you hop online at Amazon.com, simply enroll in AmazonSmile and name the MIRACLE LEAGUE OF DES MOINES KIWANIS as your charity of choice. Why? Because .05% of your purchases will be donated to the Kiwanis Miracle League! First time shoppers should go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-11079> to set up your account naming the KML as your charity. Frequent long-time shoppers can designate just as easily. It's a one-time thing—and will benefit Des Moines' favorite ball park! Thanks!

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## Save on Your Taxes While Helping The Kiwanis Miracle League

The *Kiwanis Miracle League* Board has established an *Endow Iowa Fund* with the *Greater Des Moines Community Foundation*. This is an exciting new opportunity for our friends and families to help us secure the financial future for the league and, at the same time, save big dollars on their income taxes.

Donors who give to an Endow Iowa Fund not only can deduct the gift on their federal income tax return, but can get credit against their state income taxes in the amount of 25% of their gift. Instead of a state tax deduction, which might result in a tax savings up to 8%, donors get a credit of 25% - regardless of whether they itemize deductions or not! Here's an example:

	\$1,000 Gift to <i>Miracle League</i>	vs	\$1,000 Gift to <i>Endow Iowa Fund</i>
Federal tax savings	\$ 280		\$ 280
State tax savings	\$ 50		\$ 250
<b>Net cost of gift</b>	<b>\$ 670</b>		<b>\$ 470</b>

\*Assumes 28% tax bracket for federal and 5% tax bracket for state.

Donations to an *Endow Iowa Fund* must be made to the *Greater Des Moines Community Foundation* for the benefit of the *Miracle League of Des Moines Kiwanis Endow Iowa Fund*. Principal amounts donated to the fund are held and managed by the community foundation, and the *Kiwanis Miracle League* can draw as much as 5% from the fund annually to use in whatever way best benefits the league.

So now our donors have choices – they can make donations directly to the *Kiwanis Miracle League* for use in covering operating expenses and capital improvements – and deduct those gifts as charitable deductions on their state and federal tax returns, or they can contribute to the *Greater Des Moines Community Foundation* for the *Miracle League's Endow Iowa Fund*, and get a 25% tax credit against their state income taxes, in addition to their usual federal charitable deduction.

State tax credits are allocated to donors on a first come, first served basis annually – until the total amount of credits allowed by the state are used up. This year \$6 million in tax credits are

available!

Help the *Miracle League* continue to offer a special place for special needs children enjoy playing baseball on a team – donate to the Miracle League or to the *Miracle League's Endowment Iowa Fund*. Talk to your tax advisor about how these choices might affect your personal tax situation.

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## Save The Date! FREE PIZZA

### Pie Five Pizza Company Offers Miracle League Benefit



On May 10 and 11, we, along with the Ankeny Miracle League, will help a new restaurant open in Ankeny—The Pie Five Pizza Company! From 11 - 2 PM and 5 - 8 PM each day, come build and enjoy your favorite pizza! Fresh ingredients and baked in front of your eyes! All pizzas are free! You pay for your drinks, salad, and dessert. Fifty percent of the proceeds from the four shifts will benefit our Miracle Leagues. Tell your friends and neighbors. Better yet, bring'em along!

PLEASE NOTE: You must make your reservations online. RESERVE NOW!

[Make Your Reservations Here >>](#)

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## Our KML Calendar of Events

7-May	Opening Day with Ceremonies at 9:00 AM.
10-May	KML Pie Five Pizza Day
11-May	KML Pie Five Pizza Day
14-May	Games beginning at 9:00 am
19-May	Board Meeting
21-May	Games beginning at 9:00 am
23-May	First AWAY Games at the Ankeny Miracle Park,



	6:00 and 7:00 PM games
28-May	Games beginning at 9:00 am
2-Jun	ALL STAR NIGHT with The Iowa Barnstormers, 6:00 and 7:00 PM games.
4-Jun	Games beginning at 9:00 am
11-Jun	Games beginning at 9:00 am
11-Jun	Annual Whiffit Tournament, Campbell Park, Urbandale/Clive
12-Jun	KML DAY AT THE IOWA CUBS, Game Time TBA
14-Jun	ALL STAR NIGHT with the Des Moines Police and Fire Departments, 6:00 and 7:00 PM games.
16-Jun	Board Meeting
18-Jun	Games beginning at 9:00 am
25-Jun	Games begin at 9:00 am, DAIRY QUEEN DAY
27-Aug	FALL SEASON BEGINS
2-Sep	KML hosts Ankeny Miracle League players at the KML Ball Park, 6:00 and 7:00 PM games.

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