



Ⓞ KML NEWS! Ⓞ

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We Have A Winner!

Generations of Compassion Foundation, a local non-profit organization, decorated a baseball-themed Kiwanis Miracle League Christmas Tree for the annual Festival of Trees. Following the Festival, the beautiful tree has been displayed at Scheels, Jordan Creek Mall.

In our Christmas card to players and coaches, we announced that the tree would go to some lucky player family following the holidays. How would we choose? By a drawing of interested players. Over a dozen expressed an interest and we have drawn!



ERIN GARDNER, a member of the Pirates, is our lucky winner!

Congratulations, Erin!

Thanks, too, to Generations of Compassion for its \$500 contribution for a 2022 Team Sponsorship.

Miracle League All Star Weekend A Success!



The annual Miracle League Association ALL STAR WEEKEND was another wonderful experience for Miracle League players from around the country. Held in Houston the first weekend in November, players and families gathered for what is becoming a League tradition. And we were well represented as we sent two players—**Tobby Givler** (Cubs) and **Andy Decker** (Mets). Another KML

player, **Owen McDaniel** (Twins) enjoyed the experience so much in Sioux City (2019) that he and his parents also attended.



2021 Miracle League All-Star Game

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 last night banquet. Tobby, Andy, and Owen will have lasting memories from being ALL STARS in Texas.



New Board Members

First of all, thanks to retiring board members, **Kent Babcock, Mike Schneider, Bob Syroka, Danielle Shelton, and Shawn Corkrean**. Their time and involvement during their terms has been invaluable for our kids' special experiences in the Kiwanis Miracle League. We look forward to seeing each of you at the ballpark in the coming weeks and months.

Your KML board of directors, at its December meeting, approved six new board members! They include:

- **Cory Holland**, president/owner of The Dana Company, member of WDM Kiwanis
- **Christy Nelson**, retired para-aid for students with special needs, Waukee Schools
- **Drew Engebrecht**, senior vice president, Holmes Murphy & Associates, and coach of the Mets since we first opened
- **Jim Sanders**. City administrator, City of Johnston, member of Johnston Kiwanis, past board member and former director of the Pioneer League, local forerunner to the Miracle League
- **Wyatt Pugh**, retired educator with area school districts, heavily involved in YMCA Camp, Boone

- **Dan Tooker**, radio personality and digital media/sales, member of DM Kiwanis

Watch for more information about these board members in future newsletters.

KML Is Selected by 25+ Kiwanians Who Care



The 25+KiwaniansWhoCare Kiwanis Club is a Kiwanis "single purpose" service organization that meets quarterly via ZOOM and selects a charity to support financially. Members, from all over the United States, each contribute \$100 to the selected charity. And our Kiwanis Miracle League was fortunate enough to be the December selection. This means that our KML will receive over \$3,000 from this organization. Thank you, 25+ members!

Calendar of Events

January 18 New KML board member orientation
January 20 KML Board of Directors Meeting
February 17 KML Board of Directors Meeting
April 12 Iowa Cubs Homestand Opening