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## Our Fall Season Has Come to a Close!



Another great season. Would you believe it—seven Saturdays and NO RAIN OUTS!. Yes, it got pretty hot on a couple of those Saturdays but finishing our last game by 1 PM made it all bearable.

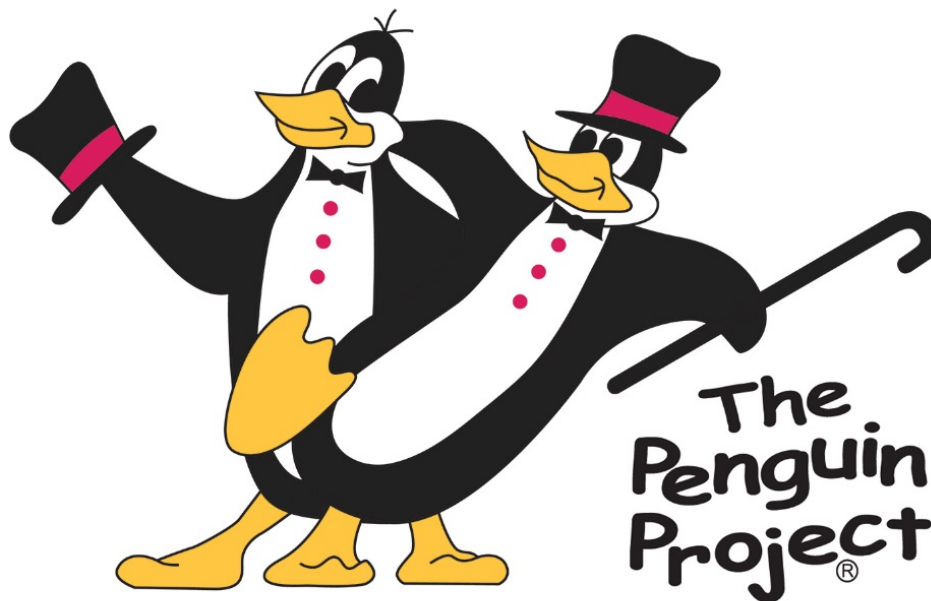
Our scorekeepers became more comfortable with the new video board.

Concession sales were good. Folks liked some of the new sweatshirts and sox at the merchandise tent. And 152 players registered for fall as we doubled the teams to four games each Saturday.

And, thank goodness for our many volunteers. Our baseball experience could not be possible without the many groups and individuals who buddied for us, coached, checked the players and volunteers in, staffed the concession stand, and generally made sure that all worked well each Saturday. THANKS TO ALL!



## The Penguin Project Goes Local



For the second year, the Des Moines Community Playhouse has set the stage for a magical and touching celebration of the human spirit. A group of children take the stage to perform a modified version of a well-known Broadway musical. The productions are unique, however, because all the roles are filled

without disabilities who have volunteered to work side-by-side with them through 4 months of rehearsals and through the final performance.

Last year, the performance was *Anie 2*. This year, it was *High School Musical 2*. And several KML players were on stage—Devlin Brown (Mets), Alex Noah (Yankees), Max Bird (Dodgers), Lani Dirks (Brewers), and Robert Thacker (A's), to name a few. And one of our concession volunteers, Madison Sanders, volunteered as a peer actor.



Lani Dirks; Lani's mentor, Cambria Dirks; and Devlin "DJ" Brown



Amara Dunham (actor); Kamilla Freeman (actor); Madison Sanders (mentor); Max Bird (actor; Dodgers)

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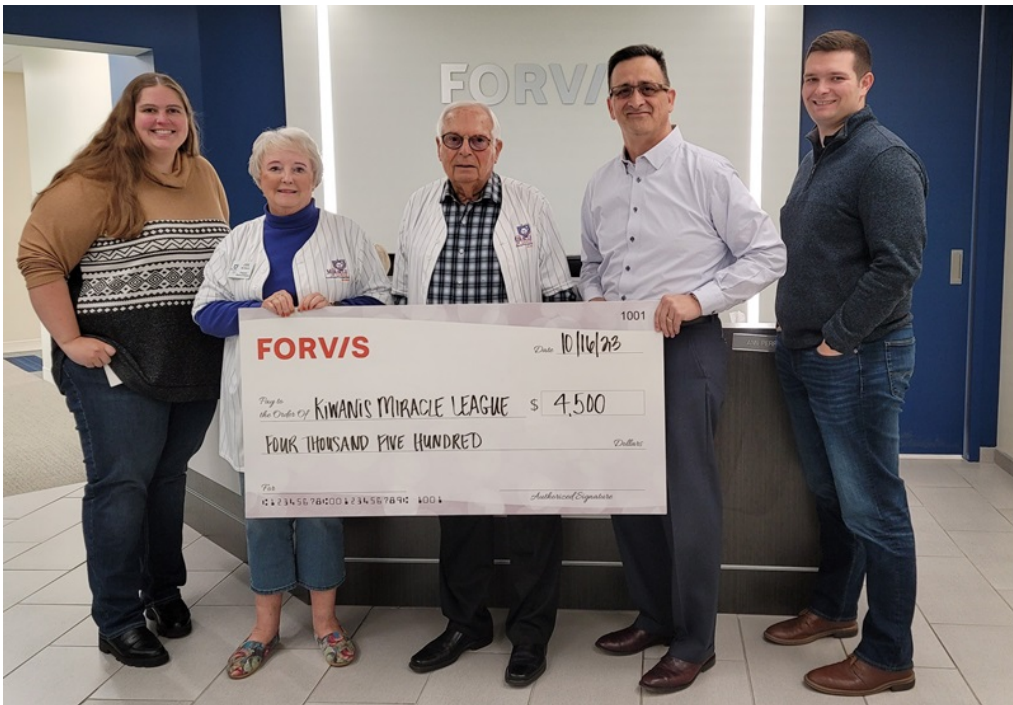
## Another Successful Vision Golf Tournament





Our KML Golf Team

As has been the case for several years, the **Vision Financial Group** has sponsored a golf tournament in early fall that benefits the Miracle Leagues in the metro area. Several board and Kiwanis members participated. Thanks to them and many other golfers, our KML was the proud recipient of \$2,600. THANK YOU, VISION FINANCIAL!



**We Have Some New Friends!**



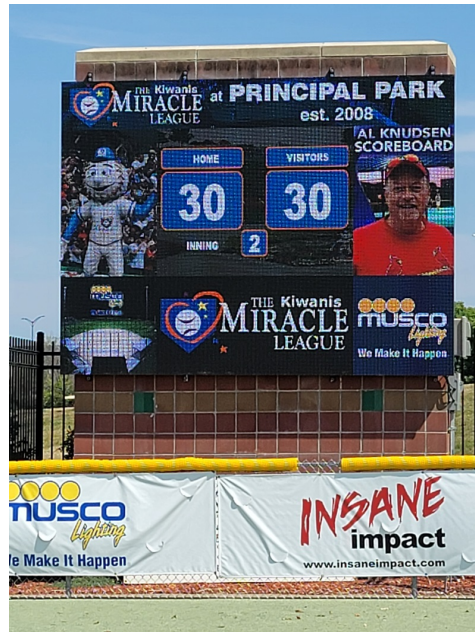
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## Video Board & Live Streaming Update

What fun it was to utilize our new video board this fall. We featured all the team pictures from spring, some new music, and even presented a few of our long-time team sponsors and contributors. And we successfully live streamed our last 3 Saturdays. We should get more proficient as time goes by.

We couldn't do this without our great partners, **INSANE IMPACT** and **MUSCO LIGHTING**. Our PA Guy, Al, would be so proud!



## Winter Shutdown

Yes, we're all closed down for the winter! No more activity at the KML ballpark until spring. Many volunteers helped to put everything away, take down all the banners, clean the inside of the concession building, and put many things in storage. Even the water is turned off!

**See you ALL next spring!**



## Calendar of Events

**November 16** KML Annual Meeting & Regular Monthly Board Meeting

**November 23** Happy Thanksgiving to All

**December 25** Happy Holidays

**January 1** Let's bring in another great year!

**January 18** KML Board Meeting



# KML NEWS!

