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Old Timers Support of Area Baseball Continues to Grow

Scholarships, Program Donations Total \$625,000

NASHVILLE, TN – March 12, 2018 – In his final address to Old Timers board members, outgoing president Russ Pyles recently announced that donations to local baseball programs have now reached \$146,000. Add that to scholarships provided over the past 20 years in the amount of \$475,000 and the real impact the organization provides to local baseball is immeasurable.



“Our last two board meetings resulted in the awarding of \$28,000 to fulfill recent donation requests from high schools and amateur programs,” says Pyles. “In 2010 we placed a “Funds Request” link on our website for programs to let us know where there were needs – to build dugouts, repair fences and fields, or to purchase equipment.

“Funds raised at our banquets make our donations possible. We are grateful for many who sponsor and attend our events, as it is important that we hold true to our Old Timers Creed, ‘To enjoy fellowship with baseball enthusiasts and to honor and support the great game of baseball at all levels,’” he adds. “We feel we can further baseball in the area by providing financial assistance where it is most needed.”

“The success of our annual golf tournament is our opportunity to provide scholarships to deserving high school senior baseball players, and all are encouraged to support us there, too.”

In 2018 the following program donations were made:

Ceatham Co. High School Baseball	\$3,000
Crieve Hall Baseball	\$2,000
East Nashville Athletics	\$2,000
Middle Tennessee Baseball	\$3,000
Music City Baseball	\$2,000
Nolensville High School Baseball	\$3,000
Overton High School Baseball	\$3,000
Tennessee American Legion Baseball	\$2,500
Sandlott Baseball/Shelby Park	\$7,500

Nick Hiter is incoming president for Old Timers and will serve a two-year term. Chip Cruze was recently elected vice-president. Officers include secretary Skip Nipper, treasurer Rip Ryman, and chief financial officer Tommy Parker. Formed in 1938 by a group of local baseball enthusiasts, the Old Timers organization is one of the oldest such organizations in the United States, celebrating its 80th year of existence in 2018.

Funds request, scholarship application, and golf tournament entry forms may be found at www.otbaseball.com.