

## Case for Support

# You can help remove barriers that may prevent kids and adults from connecting with their community

Ottawa has many baseball parks. Every spring and summer you see them full of little league teams. Parents are there cheering and connecting with others adults - it is a community-building activity.

After participating in little leagues for many years, two dads living in Beacon Hill realized that many people face barriers to being part of these official league activities. For example, they may:

- not have the money or equipment needed to play
- not have played or had baseball in their family or culture
- have been discouraged from playing because of their gender
- not feel they are good enough to play
- not "make the team"
- not be able to meet the time and transportation commitments
- have a disability that makes it challenging for them to consider
- have never been contacted and invited to play



## Barrier-free, community baseball

We are now busy organizing a series of four Beacon Hill Family Fun events to take place every Saturday afternoon in September at Eastvale Park in Beacon Hill North. Music, a barbecue, draws, fun events and prizes will all be part of the program. It is not limited to people living in Beacon Hill – it's open to anyone, anywhere!

We are looking for **community-minded businesses and organizations** who may wish to:

- Donate prizes for draws (all proceeds go to the Miracle League of Ottawa, a purpose-built baseball field for children and adults with special needs – [www.miracleleagueofottawa.com](http://www.miracleleagueofottawa.com))
- Provide small cash contributions of \$50 to help offset costs for the BBQ, field rental, etc.
- Provide barbecue supplies such as burgers, hot dogs, buns, drinks, condiments, etc.
- Suggest, loan or donate anything you think will help make our community events even more fun!



Any support we receive will be acknowledged on our social media, the website ([beaconhillfun.ca](http://beaconhillfun.ca)) and at least one public announcement at each of the events.

For more information, or if you'd like to have an information table for your business or service, please get in touch with John McKay at [johnnelsonmckay@gmail.com](mailto:johnnelsonmckay@gmail.com).