



The Beacon Hill Family Fun League **All** ages abilities fun

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Hold on hockey, summer is not over yet!

Ottawa, 4 September 2018 - We are still in the dog days of summer until September 22nd. Sure, the kids are back in school and the hockey leagues are already doing sort-outs, but that doesn't mean summer has to end prematurely.

The Beacon Hill Family Fun League, offering a series barrier-free community baseball events open to anyone, anywhere, is staking its claim on all four Saturdays in September.

"This is barrier-free baseball," says Matt Kletke, one of two Beacon Hill dads behind the FFL. "This means that you can come out and have a hot dog, maybe win a prize, cheer on the teams and, if you want, try your hand at baseball regardless if you've played before, your age or your gender."

The official competitive leagues can be a barrier to people who would otherwise like to come out and play. Barriers can include cost, time commitments, special needs or a general feeling of being excluded because of your age, gender, skill level or experience in your family or culture with baseball.

"To give just one example, little league teams are 99% boys but when we go to a Blue Jays or Ottawa Champions game, the stands are packed with as many women and girls as men and boys," says John McKay, the other dad. "There are probably many reasons for this disconnect but our solution is to simply say, come out and play – and have fun!"



Music, a barbeque, draws, fun events and prizes will all be part of the program during the 12:00 to 16:00 events on September 8, 15, 22 and 29 at [Eastvale Park](#) in the north part of Beacon Hill. You don't have to live in Beacon Hill to come out and have fun.



While participation is free, proceeds from the barbeque will go to the Miracle League of Ottawa (www.miracleleagueofottawa.com), a purpose-built baseball field in Ottawa for special needs kids and adults.

There is a clear need for this new addition to the baseball landscape in Ottawa. Within days of the launch of the FFL in the third week of August, dozens of people registered and many local businesses and organizations quickly lined up to become sponsors, make donations and provide support.

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