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We have been very fortunate to be given the opportunity to play the great game of baseball since we were six years old. Along the way, we've learned a number of life lessons in conjunction with baseball skills. The number one lesson baseball has taught me is the value of teamwork. We all grew up with the overused clichés such as “There is no “I” in “TEAM”. Over the years, baseball has proven that statements such as this, are true. You may have great players on your team, but if they are not willing to work together and unite as a team to achieve success, failure is guaranteed. There is nothing more rewarding than working as a team to achieve a common goal.

We not only have goals for our baseball season, we also have goals to become better and more community focused young men. One place we feel we could make a large impact is the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. Unfortunately, there are some children who are handed a life of challenge and difficulty at a young age. Our goal as the Shenango Varsity Baseball Team is to make the lives of these young individuals more enjoyable.

We will fulfill our goal by spending a day filled with fun activities for the young patients who may never get to leave the hospital. We are asking for your support of our 3rd Annual Toy drive. We ask that you could provide us with at least one new toy and to spread the word to family and friends. There will be a bin placed in the High School Office for collection of toys as well as in Mr. Othites room.

As Tommy Lasorda said, “The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination”. The Shenango Varsity Baseball Team is determined to make this a part of our legacy and a day the children will never forget. We do our best to shine on the field, but it is also very important to shine off the field and become the best young men possible.

Thank you for your time and contribution,

Ronald Esposito and Ryan Owrey

President and Treasurer of the Shenango Varsity Baseball Team