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Miracle League of Milwaukee to Kick-off 2015 Season with Spring Training Event

MILWAUKEE – May 22, 2015 – In preparation for the 2015 summer season, the Miracle League of Milwaukee will host its third annual Spring Training event from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 23 at Helfaer Field at Miller Park.

The Miracle League is a charitable organization that provides children ages 4 to 19, who have physical or cognitive disabilities, an opportunity to play baseball as a team member in an organized league. During the Miracle League Spring Training event, players and volunteers will have the opportunity to go on the field for a throwing, hitting, and fielding tutorial put on by the Wisconsin School of Baseball. The event will continue in the pavilion alongside Helfaer Field where there will be food, drinks and entertainment.

Volunteers from Marquette University Dental School, Rockwell Automation, the University School of Milwaukee baseball team and the Wisconsin School of Baseball will assist the players during the tutorial.

“Last season we had 81 children participate in Miracle League and 70 volunteers who generously donated over 210 combined hours of time, to help give kids the gift of baseball,” said Julie A. Tolan, president and CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee. “We’re so grateful to these wonderful individuals, groups, organizations and businesses who continually lend a hand to make a difference in a special child’s life.”

The Miracle League Opening Ceremonies will take place from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 14 at the Werner Family Foundation Field, located at the Northwest YMCA (formerly John C. Cudahy YMCA). Teams will play one game per week with games starting on June 16.

Pre-registration for the Miracle League Spring Training event is required. Parents can register their child for this event and for the 2015 season at www.miracleleaguemilwaukee.org/playball. The cost to participate in the Miracle League Spring Training event is \$10/player.

About Miracle League

The Miracle League was founded in 1998 by the Rockdale Youth Baseball Association in Conyers, Georgia. There are now more than 200 local Miracle Leagues across the country providing the opportunity for all children to play organized baseball, regardless of ability. Miracle League baseball is played on a custom-designed field featuring a cushioned, rubberized, completely flat surface to prevent injuries and allow access for the visually impaired and those in wheelchairs.

The Miracle League of Milwaukee in partnership with the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee, joined the more than 200 national Miracle Leagues in 2010. With more than 200 participants, including players and volunteers, the program provides players with the experience of being part of a team, cultivating lifelong relationships and developing physical, social and cognitive abilities.

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