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# Good News Department

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## Helping Local Children Play Ball

(NAPS)—When it comes to fielding a youth baseball team, entire communities pitch in.

Towns across the country have worked to build and maintain fields, set up official leagues and, of course, give plenty of support to young players—and with great results. Today, youth leagues have millions of players and help teach children sportsmanship, teamwork, fair play and the importance of staying fit.

Local businesses have done their part as well, with area Chevy dealerships teaming up with youth leagues to raise money, donate team equipment kits—which include equipment bags, baseballs, ball buckets and T-shirts—help repair and maintain fields and more. Some dealers also donate vehicles and match funds that are raised by teams.

In just one season, 622 dealers sponsored more than 660 teams across the East Coast and raised \$3,989,535. Millions are expected to be raised this year as well. It's part of Chevy's efforts to remain a positive contributor to communities and to help its dealers continue to make a difference right in their own backyards.

### Getting Involved

If you'd like to join the fun and help out an area team, try these tips:



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**Friends, neighbors and local businesses all help young baseball players take the field.**

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- Volunteer to work in the local youth league office or in the concession stand at a ballpark.

- Offer to coach a team. You don't need to have much baseball knowledge, just a willingness to help.

- Show support. If your league is holding a raffle, buy a ticket. Every dollar helps.

- Sign up to umpire. Often, leagues have difficulty finding umpers to take the field.

- Attend a game. Cheer on the boys and girls as they take to the diamond.

- Help keep the park in shape. Organize a community ballpark day where friends and neighbors volunteer to paint fences, mow fields and clean up the park.

For more information, visit [www.youthsportswired.com](http://www.youthsportswired.com).