

Duluth Girls Fastpitch Softball



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Duluth Girls Fastpitch Softball
4402 Otsego St.
Duluth, Minnesota 55804

Re: Donation Request for Duluth Girls Fastpitch Softball

Dear Local Business or Individual:

We are writing to you for two purposes: the first is to introduce you to our organization, and the second is requesting your support for our ongoing efforts with our organization.

The organization is relatively young, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Duluth Girls Fastpitch Softball has allowed girls in our community to play a sport which has traditionally been played by girls, while boys played baseball. Through clinics, practices and games, we teach the merits and benefits of teamwork, competition, and sport to roughly 110 girls each year, with plans to grow the league. Our goal is to make sure that **“every girl who wants to play gets the opportunity.”** The girls range in age from 7 to 15 and live throughout the Duluth community. While we do have an operating budget based on registration fees, it is simply not enough to purchase uniforms, update equipment, and to develop and maintain fields for practices and games. Because most local fields are either tailored to Little League baseball or adult recreational sports, we are further limited in the availability of fields matching the girls' softball needs.

We understand times are tough economically for most everyone, yet we truly feel that the intangible benefits our youth girls receive through participating in Duluth Girls Fastpitch Softball are priceless. The life skills they achieve by participating are invaluable as they develop into young women. With your help, we can grant Duluth's girls the same opportunities their male counterparts have benefited from throughout the years.

We are seeking direct contributions from members of the community to keep and grow our program. Please feel free to contact us directly should you wish to support us in any way that you are able. We also have various sponsorship opportunities for those wishing to make a donation over the amount of \$100. These options are as follows:

- **Single (\$100-\$199)** Name and small logo on website
- **Double (\$200-\$299)** Name and larger logo on the group banner and website listing
- **Triple (\$300-\$399)** Individual banner and website listing
- **Home Run (\$400-\$999)** Name and logo on u10 jerseys + Individual Banner + website listing
- **Grand Slam (\$1,000+)** Name and logo on u12/u14 Jerseys to be used for 3 years in addition to individual banner and website listing.

Thank you to last year's sponsors which included: Duluth Huskies, Hovland, Inc.; Carpenter's Local 361; MSA Professional Services; City of Duluth; Incline Station; Duluth Schools; Dinehery Fence & Ironworks; Center for Muscle and Joint Therapy, Inc.

We value all the contributions of our donors, and would like to recognize the generosity of our sponsors. If you have any further ideas on how best to recognize your generous donation, please don't hesitate to let us know. We would also like to note that these contributions are tax deductible, as we are a 501(c)(3) organization. We are able to provide sponsorship documentation at your request. Our EIN number for tax purposes is 81-1253327.

We would like this letter to serve as an open invitation to learn more about our organization. Games are currently played at the Helmer Hanson Basswood and Piedmont fields (8u, 10u, and 12u), St. Scholastica (12u) and a variety of locations for our u14 program. Through donations and a strong volunteer effort, both the Helmer Hanson and Piedmont fields were able to undergo significant upgrades this past season. Information regarding Duluth Girls Fastpitch, including schedules (once the upcoming season begins) can be found on our website at www.duluthgirlsfastpitch.org. We have enclosed a copy of our spring brochure, which gives more detailed information about the various leagues. Finally, we welcome you to stop by the fields in June and July to enjoy some softball and see the ultimate reward in the smiling faces and determination that these girls exhibit on the field.

Donations can be made out to: ***Duluth Girls Fastpitch League***

Our Board Members are enthusiastic to meet with you and can personally pick up any donations. In the event that you would prefer to mail the donation, please mail it to:

Duluth Girls Fastpitch Softball
c/o Gerry Sjerven
4402 Otsego St.
Duluth, MN 55804

We want to thank you in advance for your time, and also want to say, on behalf of our players, we hope to see you at some of our games and thank you for being a member of our supportive community. Any questions regarding potential donations can be directed to Gerry Sjerven (Board Chair) at (218) 341-1880.

Sincerely,

Duluth Girls Fastpitch Softball Board of Directors