Building Community Through Baseball

Opportunity • Hope • Self Development • Excellence
Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation
A complete overview of what we are hoping to achieve as we enter our 3rd year together.

At the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation, we believe in a new generation of bold, courageous youth. We inspire new perspectives and limitless possibilities. We provide opportunities for children to lead and belong.

When the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Club, led by Jake Kerr, Jeff Mooney and Andy Dunn set out to develop our Foundation in 2010, the goal was simple; help as many of our local youth find confidence, hope, improved health, and a skill set that would help them not only on a baseball diamond, but in life.

What began simply as a vision to provide underprivileged youth with an opportunity has now become so much more. Together, our Foundation along with its sponsors and supporters has helped educate a student/athlete at the University of British Columbia by providing a full scholarship to a local baseball player looking to become a star both on and off the field. We have also provided funding to Challenger Baseball, an organization that has become near and dear to the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Club as they work to provide a league for children with cognitive and physical disabilities.

This past summer, the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation embarked on its greatest challenge to date with the creation of a ‘Mini-League’ that gave more than 300 local children between the ages of 6-11 the opportunity to play organized baseball out at Scotiabank Field at Nat Bailey Stadium.

With the support and guidance of The Boys & Girls Clubs of South Coast BC, the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation was able to transport, feed, educate and cloth more than 300 bright, young future stars all summer long.

With a staff and volunteer base solely committed to our vision, the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation will continue to make a positive and lasting impact on many young lives as we’re very proud of these confident and inspiring young people.
With your support, and the commitment of *BC Hydro PowerSmart* and *The Sports Exchange*, the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation was able to provide more than 300 local children with a BC Hydro PowerPack. This included a certified batting helmet, a new glove and a PowerPack Sports Bag to carry all of their equipment and belongings to and from Scotiabank Field.

As well because of your generosity, we were able to provide hats and individualized jersey t-shirts to each child giving them an identity and sense of team within our newly-formed ‘Mini-League’.
Vancouver Canadians Mini-League

Providing local youth with an opportunity to play organized baseball at Scotiabank Field

When the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation chose to operate a ‘Mini-League’ which was designed to get local children excited about playing organized baseball, the goal was to help as many as 100 youth in need. That number grew exponentially as the season drew closer and by the time the program was launched with the help of countless volunteers and the support of The Boys & Girls Clubs of South Coast BC, more than 300 local children were ready to suit up for a summer out at Scotiabank Field.

The Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation was ready thanks to the support of BC Hydro PowerSmart, The Sports Exchange and a number of local donors. With the vision of BC Hydro and their acclaimed PowerSmart program, we were able to design a Vancouver Canadians PowerPack which would give each and every child their own certified batting helmet, new glove and a sports bag to tote all their gear around. Thanks to Peter Parsons and our friends at The Sports Exchange, a local sporting goods store, we were able to provide top quality equipment that was safe and certified providing our players with the tools to succeed.

Through the support of our fan base, corporate community and The Boys & Girls Clubs of South Coast BC we gave these bright, young children a ‘home’ for the summer and the chance to play organized baseball, many for the first time.

Each child was driven to and from Scotiabank Field at Nat Bailey Stadium, fed by our friends at Aramark Food Services and given the mentorship and compassion that is helping them well beyond the diamond.

Our Foundation’s success is because of your generosity. Whether it comes in the form of monetary sponsorship or it is simply you rolling up your sleeves to join us as a volunteer, we will continue to challenge ourselves to find local children each and every year that could use the type of development and enjoyment our Mini-League brings.

Thank you to each and every one of our Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation members who helped take our commitment within our community to a whole new level.
Vancouver Canadians pitcher Bryan Longpre was more than happy to share a few moments with members of the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation Mini-League. After a great summer of playing baseball and making friends, every Mini-League player and volunteer got to share in a personal barbecue with the entire Vancouver Canadians Baseball Club.

Our thanks to Michael Cassidy and Aramark Food Services for providing meals for all of our Mini-League members all summer long. To learn more about the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation Mini-League, please visit www.canadiansbaseball.com or email us at foundation@canadiansbaseball.com.
Who We Help

The Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation is proud to support those within our community that are committed to the same values and beliefs that we have formed our brand with. We pride ourselves on the pillars of hope, opportunity, self-development and excellence. These programs and organizations are working tirelessly to instill these traits within their youth.

Challenger Baseball

The Vancouver Canadians Baseball Club and its Foundation are honoured to be associated with Challenger Baseball which is a program committed to children who have physical, developmental and intellectual disabilities. Through Challenger Baseball, these bright, young children are provided with an opportunity to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation at a level that is structured to their abilities.

Challenger Baseball also allows these local children to be a part of a team and develop social skills while building confidence and self-esteem. Players from local baseball leagues who wish to support Challenger Baseball will act as a ‘buddy’ to help assist the “Challengers” as they run the bases, catch, throw and feel the excitement of playing baseball.
University of British Columbia Thunderbirds Baseball

The Vancouver Canadians Baseball Club has been the benefactor of a pair of former UBC Thunderbirds as both Eric Brown (2011-12) and Brandon Kaye (2011) led the C’s to Northwest League Championships which was just a continuation of their efforts collegiately.

Noted as one of the most successful baseball NAIA programs, UBC is a five-time Regional Champion while having appeared in the NAIA College World Series (2006). More than 20 players have gone onto play professional baseball after learning the game from head coach Terry McKaig who will once again lead his Thunderbirds onto the field in search of self-development and excellence.

With a highly successful graduation rate, the UBC Thunderbirds are the program that many young players across Canada strive to play for helping our local collegiate program a competitive team each and every year. The Vancouver Canadians Baseball Club and its Foundation are committed to helping develop local student/athletes who are ready to succeed both on and off of the field.
Instant Replay

We recap 2012 in just a few paragraphs

Shortly after winning our 1st Northwest League Championship, the Vancouver Canadians hosted the 2nd Annual Hot Stove Luncheon presented by Scotiabank. It was here that we heard from Toronto Blue Jays president Paul Beeston who shared his appreciation for what the C’s had done to develop the future of his organization. Just weeks prior, the Canadians had received the coveted Bob Freitas Award as the top organization in Minor League Baseball (Class-A) while also laying claim to a pair of Northwest League Awards capping off a remarkable year.

In April, the Canadians proudly flew down to Dunedin, Florida, home of the Toronto Blue Jays Spring Training Facility to deliver the Northwest League Championship rings commemorating our successes in 2011.

As summer knocked on our door, names like Matt Newman, Eric Brown and fan favourite Balbino Fuenmayor returned to lead the C’s onto the field in search of a second straight title while off the field, the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation put the final touches on its Mini-League that would open just days after the first pitch of the summer.

Vancouver would need 75 of the allotted 76 games on the Northwest League schedule to secure a spot in the 2012 Northwest League post-season, but after series victories against both Everett and Boise, the Canadians became back-to-back Champions emulating their parent clubs efforts from back in 1992-1993.

The Canadians set a fifth straight franchise attendance record (164,461 fans) in 2012, won a second straight NWL Championship and were given the prestigious John H. Johnson Award as the Northwest League’s top franchise.

Not bad for an encore, but the best as they say is yet to come.
We are so lucky to have the opportunity to reach out and make a difference in our community. Now, we are calling on you to join us as we help more than 300 children learn and fall in love with the game of baseball this coming summer.

All of us can remember being a bright, young child with visions of becoming a variety of different success stories. Now, as adults, we have the chance to help the next generation of children reach their full potential.

We know your time is precious. To give just a few hours this summer to the Vancouver Canadians Baseball League could help a child create a memory that will last a lifetime. Whether you can assist us as an umpire, a coach, a mentor or simply by showing your generosity, we can make a difference in a child’s life right here at home.

Please turn to the back page of this booklet and make the commitment to our newly-formed Vancouver Canadians Baseball League. We know the magic that can be found on a baseball diamond, and the experiences we will create this summer are something we hope to want to be a part of.

To learn more, visit our website at www.canadiansbaseball.com
Wall of Hope

The Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation wanted to acknowledge the countless friends and organizations that were helping support our efforts.

Located in the Scotiabank Field at Nat Bailey Stadium concourse down the first base line, fans of all ages can now find our VCBF Wall of Hope which lists each and every donor who has supported us with $25 dollars or more over the course of the past calendar year.

From Canadians players and staff members through to life-long fans and corporate partners, we are proud to showcase your generosity by adding your name to our ever-growing wall.

If you would like to see you name or the name of a loved one on our Wall of Hope, contact the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Club at:

4601 Ontario Street
Vancouver, British Columbia
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Or donate on-line at www.canadiansbaseball.com
Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation
Events and Fundraisers

The Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation will host a number of fun and memorable events aimed at bringing together our many donors and partners to share in how we are making a difference in our community.

3rd Annual Scotiabank Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation Hot Stove Luncheon: January 2013

The Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation along with community partner Scotiabank continue to host an annual Hot Stove Luncheon that feature sports personalities and partners who come together to help us celebrate community achievements and shine light on those who have been generous enough to help us make a difference both on and off our local diamonds.

In 2013, Scotiabank and The Vancouver Canadians were delighted to welcome Toronto Blue Jays President and CEO Paul Beeston, General Manager Alex Anthopoulos, Minor League Director Charlie Wilson and players Brett Lawrie and Brandon Morrow to share in the commitment being made at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

In addition to a hearty lunch with good friends, the Vancouver Canadians were able to host both a live and silent auction with full proceeds going to the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation. In three years, this event has been able to raise well over $300,000 with all of those proceeds going directly back into the community to help with baseball at all levels.
Movie Nights at ‘The Nat’: Select Summer Dates

What started out as nothing more than a simple idea has become one of Vancouver’s most sought out summertime events. Our popular Movie Nights at ‘The Nat’ have fans of all ages joining us for family-oriented movies underneath the stars with parking and admission absolutely free!

Shown on our high-definition Canadians Diamond Vision, this open-air entertainment has countless people stopping by Scotiabank Field at Nat Bailey Stadium ready to enjoy any number of classic movies that they had the chance to vote on prior to arriving through the Canadians social media sites.

All the Canadians ask is for fans to generously donate to the VCBF with full proceeds going directly back into our community.

Breakfast with the Canadians: Various dates throughout the year

The Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation is proud to continue its hosting of early-bird breakfasts that bring together our Foundation members and feature a keynote speaker each morning.

These breakfasts are a chance for everyone to learn more about the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation and how we are making a difference in our community. This is also an opportunity for you to bring others out to the ballpark and show them what the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation is all about with a fully serviced breakfast out at historic Scotiabank Field at Nat Bailey Stadium.
Vancouver Canadians Baseball League

The Vancouver Canadians Baseball League is looking for your help this 2012 season. Your assistance will help more than 300 local children between the ages of 5-10 learn a number of life skills on the diamond including teamwork, fair play and how to develop confidence and pride.

I would like to become a part of the Vancouver Canadians Baseball League in the following way:

**Participate**

- [ ] I would like to become a mentoring **COACH**, attending games and helping develop these bright young minds on the diamond.
- [ ] I would like to **umpire**, helping these excited children learn how to play fair and respect each other on the diamond while learning the rules of the game.

**Donate**

- [ ] I would like to **Donate** $_________ to the Vancouver Canadians Baseball League to ensure that local children can continue to enjoy a summer in the sunshine developing friendships and skills that will serve them both on the field and in life.
- [ ] I would like to **Sponsor** an entire team within the Vancouver Canadians Baseball League. By donating $1,500.00, I am giving more than a dozen children the opportunity to play organized baseball this coming summer out at historic Scotiabank Field at Nat Bailey Stadium.

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**Cheque** – Made out to Vancouver Foundation, with “Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation” in the memo line.

**Credit Card** – Please provide the following information:

- Gift Amount: $______________  Card Type:  [ ] Visa  [ ] Mastercard
- Name on Card
- Card Number ____________________________________________ Expiry M/Y _____ / _____
- Signature

**THANK YOU** for supporting the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation and newly formed Vancouver Canadians Baseball League. Because of your generosity, we can move forward and bring a summer of fun and memories to children from right here in our own neighbourhoods.

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