

# **YORK INSTITUTE BALL FIELD BASEBALL TOMORROW FUND**

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*...imagine...*



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# *You are a...*

- *...T-BALL PLAYER LIVING IN FENTRESS COUNTY, TENNESSEE; a county IDed by the ARC as an economically distressed county with a per capita income of \$ 12,999.*
- *You LOVE playing ball. Field is shared with Little League for all practices and games. LL has PRIORITY. Later, you are the Little League player with priority on the field.*
- *Move up to Babe Ruth League. Now play on Community Field. It's shared with:  
MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM  
YORK INSTITUTE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM  
Also used as SOCCER FIELD*
- *Your time on the field is limited again. Unable to play often, you become discouraged,, bored, and lose interest in the game. Other, undesirable activities become the main focus of your free time.*

**THIS SCENARIO MAY PLAY ITSELF OUT OVER AND OVER AGAIN**

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# Proposal Goals

- Provide an additional field that will loosen restrictions on the youth baseball program.
- Provide York Institute's High School baseball team with a baseball field that will not require them to travel off-campus for practice and home games.
- Expand the potential for younger aged children to participate in the youth baseball program, with the focus on 10-16 year olds.





# Signing of the Agreement



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# Reviewing of Plans



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# Building Site Selection



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# Ground Breaking



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# Add Irrigation...



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# Laying the Sod



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# ...and Sprinkle



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# Fence in & 'Play Ball'



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# Expenditures

<b><u>BUDGETED ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>GRANT</u></b>	<b><u>IN-KIND &amp; CASH</u></b>
Dirt work	\$ 33,539	\$ 37,461
Sod	\$ 30,250	\$ 0
Irrigation	\$ 13,850	\$ 0
Backstop/Fence	\$ 0	\$ 24,951
Dugouts	\$ 1,303	\$ 8,040
Parking Lot	\$ 0	\$ 10,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 78,942</b>	<b>\$ 80,852</b>

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## *Summary*

*“The willingness and dedication of this community are strong, but the economy of the community is weak. A grant from the BTF fills this gap, forms a strong partnership between your program and this community, and lifts the serious restrictions facing youth baseball...” — BTF Grant Application*

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