



Habitat Partners with MLBPA-YDF, Morgan Wallen Foundation, & Others for Parkwood Community Transformation Project

Collectively, MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation and Morgan Wallen Foundation will contribute \$1 million in funding of new baseball & softball restoration project

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville, with the Nashville Sounds, has partnered with the MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation (YDF), Academy of Country Music Male Artist of the Year Morgan Wallen, through his Morgan Wallen Foundation, and other local funders to lead the community revitalization of the historic Black baseball and softball complex, Parkwood Community Club, in north Nashville. Together, MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation and Morgan Wallen Foundation have joined forces to donate \$500k each, totaling \$1 million invested in the project.

Serving the community's needs since 1966, efforts to renovate the Parkwood ballfields are part of a broader mission to maintain the complex's historical integrity and rebuild the Parkwood-Haynes-Trinity neighborhood. Led by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville, contributions from the MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation, Morgan Wallen Foundation, and many other partners support a broader \$2 million-dollar fundraising goal to complete Phase 1 renovations of the complex, which entails renovation of two of the four baseball and softball fields.



Access to sports transformed Wallen's life in ways he never could have imagined growing up as a kid in East Tennessee. Wallen's first love was baseball and he had

aspirations of pursuing a baseball career until an injury halted his baseball dreams and brought him back to music. Wallen credits team sports with teaching him the values and benefits of discipline, hard work and commitment.

In the Metro Nashville area, more than 100 elementary and middle schools, and seven out of ten Metro high schools, don't offer baseball and softball programs due to lack of fields. Located in Davidson County District 2, the Parkwood Community Club serves a predominately underserved Black/African-American population with the lowest median household income of Davidson County's 35 Districts at \$34,000.*

Through the revitalization initiative, Habitat and its sponsoring partners aim to provide youth and families in the Parkwood neighborhood with enhanced field and recreational offerings.

*Data collected by Metropolitan Social Services 2021 Know Your Community report

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION



- Joint initiative by **MLB & the Players Association**
- Focus on improving the caliber, effectiveness and availability of amateur baseball & softball programs around the world.
- Extensive involvement in funding field renovation projects for underserved communities
- Helped revitalize existing ballfields, including **Roberto Clemente State Park** in the Bronx, NY.

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