

A Division of Little League Baseball* Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary

We are pleased to announce that Northeast Ohio (NEO) Challenger is hosting the 2017 State of Ohio Challenger Little League Baseball Tournament! This 25th annual event will take place July 28-30 at Veterans Memorial Park (formerly State Road Park) in Parma, Ohio.

This memorable event always brings priceless smiles to the faces of Challenger boys and girls, all of whom have physical and/or mental challenges.

The Little League Baseball's Challenger Division was established so boys and girls with physical and mental disabilities could enjoy and participate in the game of baseball like any other Little Leaguer. The Division's goal is to provide each player a chance to play, regardless of limitations. During a typical Challenger game, parents, coaches, and friends act as "buddies" to help players run bases (sometimes by pushing wheelchairs), catch, throw, and score. The therapeutic and socialization benefits for players are invaluable. Participation allows them to pull together as a team and build social skills that they may not otherwise have a chance to experience.

We need financial support from you and/or your organization to help bring this event to the boys and girls of Challenger. The cost of equipment, shirts, trophies, food, refreshments, and social activities is great. Your sponsorship or contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Please help us make this event the best ever! Complete and return the enclosed form to confirm your sponsorship and/or to make a tax-deductible contribution.

On behalf of NEO Challenger, we thank you for helping us bring smiles to the faces of the boys and girls of Challenger at the **25th Annual State of Ohio Challenger Baseball Tournament**.

Jim Cipriani

Tournament Administrator & President of NEO Challenger 216-870-9242 *Shannon Vilkinofsky* Fundraising Chairperson 440-669-5576

Northeast Ohio (NEO) Challenger Little League Baseball

1712 E. Royalton Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147

Feel free to call or email Jim Cipriani for more information at 216-870-9242, 440-526-0394, or *jamescipriani@sbcglobal.net*.

Website: www.neochallenger.info

12017 Neo Challenger State Tournament Fundraising Information

North East Ohio Challenger Baseball League

NEO Challenger is a non-profit 501-C3 organization. Thanks for your support!