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Miracle League of the Triangle Teams Up with the Durham Bulls and Capitol Broadcasting Company to Expand Services to Durham

Durham Bulls and Capitol Broadcasting Company kick off the fundraising with \$400,000 Matching Grant

The Miracle League of the Triangle is moving forward to expand services to Durham by opening a new ball field in 2018 across the street from Durham Bulls Athletic Park. The program and field are specifically designed to serve children and adults with special needs through the game of baseball. The Miracle League removes the barriers that keep children and adults with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field and lets them experience the joy of America's favorite pastime. Since the main barriers for these players arise from the natural grass fields used in conventional leagues, Miracle League teams play on a custom-designed, rubberized turf field that accommodates wheelchairs and other assertive devices while helping to prevent injuries.

Located at 461 Morehead Avenue, the site is owned by the Durham Housing Authority and Capitol Broadcasting Company, which is allowing the Miracle League of the Triangle to build its newest site there. Through this collaboration, the Durham Bulls and the Miracle League will provide a safe, fun and accepting environment for all children and their families.

The Miracle League of the Triangle was born from the inspiration of former college player and current Triangle developer Robin Rose. Together with friend Tony Withers of Withers and Ravenel Engineering, they led the construction of a baseball field on the campus of Henry Adams Elementary School in Cary that accommodates walkers, wheelchairs and players whose mobility is challenged, as well as those with various cognitive impairments.

The demand has been so great that the initial league filled to capacity and the Miracle League partnered with the YMCA of the Triangle to build a second field in North Raleigh near Wakefield. Although it was initially conceived as a league for children, the Miracle League has also established an adult division after players began to age out, as well as a competitive camp.

"Our organization's vision is that every child deserves the chance to experience the joy of community through baseball," said Miracle League Executive Director Benjy Capps. "With player rosters now numbering over 500 and expected to hit 1,000 with the addition of a third field."

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