



Nolan Ryan and RBI Austin alum Arturo Garcia chat at the 2014 RBI Austin Benefit Banquet.

"RBI stands for Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities, but to me it means Reviving Hope in Inner Cities." -Arturo Garcia, RBI Austin Alumnus

Nolan and Reid Ryan highlighted an All-Star cast at our 2014 RBI Austin Benefit Banquet, but Arturo Garcia stole the show. Arturo shared with the banquet audience of over 300 how RBI Austin has transformed his life on and off the field. After 4 years with RBI Austin, Arturo graduated from Reagan HS in 2013 and became the first in his family to attend college. Thanks to MLB's RBI for RBI scholarship - awarded to just 12 RBI students nationally each year - Arturo is currently attending Texas A&M University on a full ride.

Thanks to all who made this year's banquet a huge success! Over \$113,000 was raised to help make RBI possible for more inner-city Austin kids like Arturo in 2014.



Mabson Field Groundbreaking

We've broken ground on a \$270,000 artificial turf renovation of Mabson Field, home of our Jr. RBI League! By late spring, the new Mabson Field will be a gem in the heart of East Austin. Huge thanks to our partners who have made this possible for our Jr. RBI kids – **MLB's Baseball Tomorrow Fund, Reckless Kelly Youth Foundation, Round Rock Express, Astro Turf and Greater East Austin Youth Association.**



Become a Mentor!

After a year of laying the groundwork with Austin ISD, **RBI Mentoring** has officially launched for Oak Springs Elementary 4th graders!

Join us at our next **Mentor Orientation** on April 13th and learn how YOU can become a life-changing RBI mentor!



Upcoming Events

- 4/4: RBI Night at the Dell Diamond
- 4/13: Volunteer/Mentor Orientation
- 4/27: Jr. RBI Clinic
- 5/18: Jr. RBI Clinic



Jr. RBI League Sponsor!

Special thanks to AM Technical Solutions for being our Jr. RBI League Sponsor for the second year in a row! Through the support of AMTS, our Jr. RBI League grew last year by 86% from 138 to 256 kids!



Why Mentor?

- 74% of Oak Springs kids are fatherless
- 97 % of Oak Springs kids are on free/reduced lunch
- Only gospel-based mentoring program in Austin
- 21 of 33 Oak Springs 4th grader still need an RBI mentor