



Newsletter

SUMMER 2019

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHT:

There's no denying it, Austinites love their parks.

We love these parks, too, as many of them serve as a home base for our teams.

This is where our kids are learning the game, learning how to be a part of a team, learning what it looks like to be carefree kid, and where they are learning more about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

With **1,491 kids** on **92 teams**, our organization uses **45 public and private fields** throughout the city. 45 fields, folks!! This would absolutely be impossible without faithful partnerships and supporters (like you)!

PARQUE ZARAGOZA + AUSTIN PARKS FOUNDATION

Parque Zaragoza is located in the heart of East Austin, and this park has served as the heart of its community for decades. So, what a blessing it was to play a role alongside other community partners to restore this field!

Last year, we received a generous \$50,000 grant from our partners at the Austin Parks Foundation for field improvements at Parque Zaragoza. With this grant, we were able to breathe a little life back into this field including the installation of a new batting cage and new safety netting.

Parque Zaragoza now serves as a home base for our 18U and 15U high school



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leagues, and it's been an encouragement to see these young men and women be able to use such quality amenities. Talk about being proud of your neighborhood, your team, and your organization!

"Austin Parks Foundation is proud to partner with RBI Austin to bring critical physical improvements and free programming to public ball fields across Austin's eastern crescent. We're proud to support RBI Austin and we're excited to help make quality recreation accessible to more of Austin's youth," shared Colin Wallis, CEO of Austin Parks Foundation.

Because of your support, and support through partner organizations like Austin Parks Foundation, more kids in our city are able to play with pride!

ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD PLUS SANDLOT-STYLE BASEBALL GAME

Through our partnership with Austin Parks Foundation, we hosted a Movie in the Park night at Parque Zaragoza via Alamo Drafthouse's Rolling Roadshow.

This was such an incredible, fun night for our RBI Austin families, volunteers, supporters, and the community at large as everyone enjoyed watching a sandlot-style game of baseball before getting to see an on-field viewing of *Angels in the Outfield*.

Talk about the perfect, summer night!

Want to learn more about
Austin Parks Foundation?
Visit www.austinparks.org



RBI Austin summer volunteers and staff fiercely took on the Texas Playboys Baseball Club in a sandlot-style game before the on-field viewing of *Angels in the Outfield* at Parque Zaragoza!

THREE REASONS

2019 WILL BE THE BEST SOUTHWEST REGIONAL YET!

For the second year in a row, we're hosting the MLB RBI Southwest Regional! This weekend, RBI Austin's 15U Baseball + 18U Baseball AND 18U Softball Regional teams will compete with New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, and El Paso RBI to earn a bid to the RBI World Series in Florida! Here are a few reasons why we can't wait!

#1

FIRST-EVER RBI AUSTIN SOFTBALL REGIONAL TEAM

The time has finally come! For the first time ever, we will have an 18U Softball Regional team participating in the Southwest Regional! We cannot wait for these ladies to represent RBI Austin and are celebrating the growth and depth of our softball program. Thank you for investing in these young ladies.

#2

WELCOMING FRIENDS NEW + OLD

The Southwest region is vast – *God bless Texas!* – and we are excited for the opportunity to welcome both returning friends and new friends from RBI programs across the region. This year, we're hosting the Houston Astros RBI, Texas Rangers RBI, New Orleans RBI, and El Paso RBI. This is El Paso's first year joining us, and we're excited for the opportunity to welcome them to our city!

#3

INCREASED HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITY

With one year of hosting under our belt, we are expectant to see how the Lord will use us to show radical hospitality to the players, coaches, and families of the participating programs. Last year was our first time hosting the Southwest Regional, and this year we hope to make this an even better experience for all involved.



Our 18U Softball Regional players served our 9U & 12U Softball girls this summer as umpires and scorekeepers! You are investing in young women who are becoming leaders and role models for younger girls in our program!



**Come catch a game at the
MLB RBI Southwest Regional
this Saturday!**

When: This Saturday, July 20, 9am-1pm

What: RBI Baseball + Softball Regional games
(including free giveaways, games, and more for kiddos)

Where: Concordia University Baseball &
Softball Stadiums, 11400 Concordia
University Drive, Austin, TX 78726

Visit www.rbiaustin.org/regional
for more information.

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FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.

- Galatians 5:22-23

SUMMER SERIES: FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

While we love the games of baseball and softball, we love even more that these sports provide a relationship-building opportunity to point players to the most important relationship of all: a relationship with God.

This summer, our Jr. RBI players, coaches, and families are walking through the fruits of the Spirit! Each week, we're focusing on a different fruit of the Spirit and providing practical ways to live this out. We're excited to see how the Lord uses this content in the hearts of our players, families, and volunteers!

Thank you for supporting and caring for not only physical development, but also for the spiritual development of our 1,491 RBI Austin kids!

Thank you!

