



Newsletter

SUMMER 2023

SMILE! SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING

A picture is worth a thousand words; and we have more than a thousand pictures to represent the joy and excitement of the 1,351 kids on 84 RBI Austin teams this summer.

From in-person registration to the first weeks of games, the smiles on the faces of these young athletes grew bigger; and our commitment to giving them the best summer league experience yet was ignited!



SUMMER STATS

1,351 KIDS

Number of RBI Austin kids on a summer team

84 TEAMS

306 SUMMER VOLUNTEERS



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



These smiles were made possible by our 306 volunteers, people like you, and our faithful summer sponsors: Austin Christian Fellowship - Jr. RBI Opening Day Sponsor; AM Technical Solutions - Jr. RBI Summer League Sponsor; and Austin Subaru - RBI Baseball Summer League Sponsor. Our summer program is better because of you!

See for yourself. Catch up with us on our social media pages!

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MY, HOW THEY'VE GROWN . . .

NOW

Earlier this summer, we celebrated the high school graduations of two of our RBI mentor match program participants. We also spotlighted one of our RBI baseball players who has been with us for 13 years!

These moments inspired a trip down memory lane, to recognize the long-lasting impact of positive, enduring relationships at RBI Austin.

RBI mentors and staff members, Matt Price and Meghan Riewe, were matched with their fourth and fifth-grade mentees, Jeremiah Cavanaugh and Nhi Quan, in 2015. These pairings stood the test of time and embodied the mentoring relationships we dream about for all RBI Austin kids.

Then there's Andrew "Ace" Cyphers who began his baseball journey with us at age four in 2010. Now he is going into his senior year of high school with our 18U Titans and our 18U Regional Baseball team.

To witness the physical growth of these kids in photos is one thing. To hear how RBI helped them grow on a personal level is another.

Jeremiah, who traveled to Ohio last month to explore a gap-year program with Matt, credits RBI for not only providing him with a mentor, but a role model and father figure. Nhi, who plans to work full-time before college, expressed her gratitude for an RBI mentor, like Meghan, who she could rely on and grow up with.

We asked Andrew why he continued to play with RBI for all these years, and here is what he had to say:



"RBI brought people into my life who treated me like family...It is a safe place to learn the game and have fun."

These photos and sentiments bring huge smiles to our faces and remind us why we do what we do!

NEW JC7 FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP

We are grateful for the JC7 Foundation and their support of our RBI Austin kids! In remembrance of Jude Calley, an 8-year-old baseball player, we celebrated our shared love of baseball and the kids who play with a check presentation and a giveaway for our Jr. RBI Summer League players.

We are excited about this new partnership! Learn more about JC7 Foundation at www.jc7foundation.org



L-R, Kristy Recker, Development Director, RBI Austin; Sheena Wilde, Director, JC7 Foundation; and Adam Wilde, Sheena's husband