

2015 IOWA BASEBALL CAMP FOR THE DEAF



DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

Welcome to Deaf Awareness Night at Principal Park, home of the Iowa Cubs! The **Iowa Baseball Camp for the Deaf (IBCD)**, Sertoma Club of Des Moines, the Iowa Cubs, and various deaf clubs from around the state of Iowa welcome you, your family, and friends as we celebrate the reboot of Iowa and Midwest youth, ages 7-14, with **IBCD**, a baseball camp for the deaf and hard of hearing.

For the last ten years, I've worked in professional baseball in various positions with the Iowa Cubs, Rochester Red Wings, and MLB Advanced Media. All of this wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the connections that I developed via the Fantasy Baseball Camp run by Sertoma from 1999-2010. The impact on me as a deaf child was life-changing and I wanted to "pay it forward" to the deaf and hard of hearing children, to give them the same opportunities I had. The impact of the camp is widespread and we are ecstatic that you get to share that impact tonight as we watch our campers sign the National Anthem on the field prior to the game; also, be sure to catch the performance of Take Me Out to the Ballgame by our campers atop the Cubs' dugout during the seventh-inning stretch.

As you enjoy this display, please bear in mind that not all children experience the "crack of the bat" as we do. Mainstream sports sometimes do not accommodate the special needs of a child who is deaf and hard of hearing. At **IBCD**, each child is assured a safe, learning environment and will be taught the fundamentals of baseball through demonstration and sign language interpretation. **IBCD** arranges for professional coaching and provides appropriate uniforms for a complete camp experience. Tonight's game is the camp week highlight for many of the campers and their families.

This year our camp is being held at Johnston Little League Park and we thank that organization for their generous gift for the use of the park. Community volunteers working together with Sertoma, Iowa Hands & Voices, Deaf Children Now, Iowa School for the Deaf, and the Iowa Cubs give us the support needed to allow our campers to develop over the course of week. Once the campers age out of the program, we appreciate their desire to volunteer and mentor new prospects coming into the program.

With a focus on hearing safety and education, the Des Moines Sertoma Club has paved the way for the success of **IBCD**. Please share this program with anyone that could benefit from participation with the camp.

Finally, we want to thank the volunteers. We are fortunate to have professional baseball coaching staff, community youth and adult volunteers, interpreters, and the deaf adults that came from out of the state to work with the camp. Please join us in thanking the volunteers who have given their time and expertise to provide our campers with a solid knowledge of baseball skills, etiquette and inspiring love of the game! This winning combination provides the campers with exemplary role models.

Thank you!!

Dylan Heuer
Camp Director

CAMP OFFICIALS

Camp Director Dylan Heuer
Camp Coordinator Nancy Heuer
Deaf Community Liaison Polly Fullbright
Interpreters Coordinator Cindy Crawford

Head Coaches
Jason Karaidos, John Linden

Assistant Coaches
Ethan Berger, Kensie Channon, Zach Dobson, Suz Meyer

Community Volunteers
Gretchen Baldwin, Katy Brown, Michelle Channon, Lukas Daniels, Luana Dobbins, Patsey Harris, Pam Johnson, Roberta Ryerson

Interpreting Volunteers
DeAnne Carlson, Peggy Chicoinne, Ellen Hayes, Tailyn Kaster, Kathy Rapp

Sertoma Supporters
John Badger, Robert Barnes, Grant Heuer, Joe Kristan, Ron Mountsier, Jason Vos

Camp Nurse Julie Ehasz

Camp Photographer Veronica Payne

*Interpreters provided by Deb Cates from
Iowa School for the Deaf*

**CAMP LUNCHESS PROVIDED
BY THE FOLLOWING:**





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- FIRST ROW:** Camp Coordinator Nancy Heuer, Deaf Community Liasion Polly Fullbright, Roberta Ryerson, Aidan Carter, Bond Hageman, Eddie Hamann, Sophia Cronk, Issac Cutwright, Joshua Janni, Lucas Johnston, Katy Brown, Camp Nurse Julie Ehasz, Lukas Daniels
- SECOND ROW:** Sertoma Volunteer Grant Heuer, Interpreting Coordinator Cindy Crawford, Nathan, Madison McAninch, Jebb McElory, Bo Gerbracht, Caleb Glodt, Joshua Baldwin, Evan Routh, Interpreter Kathy Rapp, Interpreter Tailyn Kaster, Michelle Channon
- THIRD ROW:** Head Coach John Linden, Michaela Aunspach, Noah Fink, R.J. Channon, Jerry Johnson, Elliot Grimard, Cheyenne Lynch-Dobbins, Sembetu Dalay, Head Coach Jason Karaidos, Interpreter Ellen Hayes
- FOURTH ROW:** Suz Meyer, Ethan Berger, Tom Heuer, Kensie Channon, Camp Director Dylan Heuer



**IOWA CUBS OUTFIELDER:
JOHN ANDREOLI**

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