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It's a Home Run for Buckhead Baseball & PODS

PODS Provides Support for Carver YMCA Braves Baseball Academy and Buckhead Baseball Alliance to Provide Equipment for Inner City Kids

Last November, Metro Atlanta YMCA Braves Baseball Academy and Buckhead Baseball formed an alliance designed to unite different communities through the common passion for the game of baseball. The two leagues intend to collaborate on the goals of:

- Developing and strengthening youth baseball in Atlanta's inner city
- Promoting interaction among players, coaches and parents of divergent backgrounds in South and Northwest Atlanta
- Sharing resources to maximize advancement opportunities such as coaching clinics and player development programs

The first event of the initiative, an equipment donation drive, is being held January 21 and 28th during tryouts, at Buckhead Baseball, 445 Pharr Rd NE, Atlanta, GA, 30305. One of the most pressing challenges of certain inner city leagues is the shortage of player equipment including bats, gloves and helmets. Players and parents of Buckhead Baseball are being asked to make donations of new or lightly-used equipment, which will be collected and transported to the Braves Baseball Academy in South Atlanta.

When the two leagues began to plan for this initiative, Stockton Croft, President of Buckhead Baseball, immediately contacted Ed McCrady. Ed is owner of PODS, Portable On Demand Storage, and he was asked if he could provide assistance in storing and transporting the equipment to needy communities. "I have known Ed and the PODS story for many years. I have seen the support they provide throughout Atlanta and knew they would be willing to help us accomplish such a worthy cause," said Croft. "PODS has agreed to generously provide two containers for our effort."

"PODS is pleased to provide support to Buckhead Baseball and the Metro Atlanta YMCA Braves Baseball Academy. The game of baseball is America's pastime and we're excited to lend a hand in putting much-needed equipment in the hands of Atlanta's inner-city youth," said Ed McCrady.

For more information about the Buckhead Baseball Used Equipment Drive, please follow this link: <http://buckheadbaseball.com/index.php/news/345-2012-ued-equipment-drive>

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