



JUNIOR GIANTS FACT SHEET

Who are the Junior Giants?

- Junior Giants baseball is the flagship program of the Giants Community Fund, which is the nonprofit arm of the San Francisco Giants.
- The program provides a summer baseball league, run free of charge for children ages 5 – 18 living in inner cities and rural suburbs.
- Junior Giants impacts 82 leagues in 143 cities throughout central and northern California, Oregon, and Nevada.
- More than 16,000 youth participate in the Junior Giants program – over 4,600 of which are girls.
- Over 9,000 participants come from low income households.
- 39% of participants are Latino.
- Nearly 3/4 of these children would not have played baseball had they not been offered this program.
- Over 2,000 community leaders act as volunteer coaches and mentors.

What does the Giants Community Fund provide to Junior Giants?

- The Giants Community Fund is a 501(c)(3) public charity, founded in 1991.
- The Community Fund provides baseball equipment, uniforms, tickets to select Giants games, league framework, support staff and enrichment programs.
- The San Francisco Giants offer training for Junior Giants coaches and host baseball clinics for Junior Giants players.

What is the mission of the Junior Giants?

- The Junior Giants baseball league is unique because emphasis is placed not on winning games, but on building character and self-esteem.
- The program is built around the "Four Bases of Character Development": Confidence, Leadership, Teamwork, and Integrity.
- Coaches teach these values in hopes of helping the players to make smart decisions, and to keep them active and off the streets.
- Honors such as the Junior Giants Willie Mac Awards and Harmon & Sue Burns Scholarship Fund are given annually to exceptional participants in an effort to emphasize the importance of education and community involvement.
- In addition, the Giants Community Fund strongly supports programs in the areas of Education, Health, and Violence Prevention.
 - These programs provide the Junior Giants with opportunities to participate in the "Round the Bases" Reading Program, acquire healthy eating and exercise habits through health fairs, and learn other ways to become upstanding members of their communities.



What is the history of Junior Giants?

- The Giants Community Fund was established in 1991.
- Junior Giants baseball started in 1994 with just 18 leagues throughout the Bay Area.
- The program has since grown to include over 1,065 teams in 85 leagues spanning more than 143 cities, ranging from Bakersfield, CA to Medford, OR to Las Vegas, NV.

What notable honors has the program received?

- In 2001, the Fund became a partner of Teammates for Kids Foundation, co-founded by country music star Garth Brooks.
- In 2002, the Junior Giants program was inducted into the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame as the "Best Single Program" in all of professional sports.
- In 2008, the Giants Community Fund was honored by the Sports Philanthropy Project and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with the Steve Patterson Award for Excellence in Sports Philanthropy. This marked the first time a Major League Baseball team received the award.

Who is in charge of coaching the Junior Giants teams?

- Junior Giants relies on community leaders and volunteers to act as coaches and mentors to the league participants.
- Close to 30% of the coaches are female.
- Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to coach a team to become more involved in their child's extracurricular activities.
- Some of the organizations that help organize, coordinate, and coach the Junior Giants throughout various communities are:
 - Police Activities Leagues (PAL)
 - Boys and Girls Clubs
 - YMCAs
 - Local Park and Recreation Departments

How can I contribute to the Junior Giants?

- Volunteers are always needed to coach teams or help with various events. Call 1.877.JR.GIANT or visit www.jrgiants.org for more information.
- Donate your vehicle to the Giants Community Fund by calling 1.800.818.5223.
- Participate in events that benefit the Giants Community Fund and Junior Giants baseball, including:
 - Play Ball Lunch
 - Willie McCovey Fund Golf Classic
 - Sports Memorabilia Auction
 - Junior Giants Glove Drive
 - Balldude Camp
 - Junior Giants Stretch Drive