



Dear Big Train fan:

2018 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> season of Bethesda Big Train baseball at Shirley Povich Field.

I am writing to ask you to join me in celebrating 20 seasons of, as we promised 20 years ago, “summer nights of family fun with baseball at its most genuine in a county fair-like setting.” As a fan told co-founder John Ourisman that first summer: “When I’m here at a Big Train game, I feel like I live in a small town.” Even more than 20 years ago, many of us long for the community connection that Big Train baseball has provided for our families.

Big Train fans can come together in the family friendly environment we have created at Povich Field to share our love of the game at its most genuine.

***“When I’m here at a Big Train game,  
I feel like I live in a small town.”***

In addition to delivering family fun at affordable prices to our fans, we have delivered a very high caliber baseball. Thirteen Big Train players have made it to the major leagues. We have won nine league regular season titles and seven league championships. In 2011, the Big Train was ranked the number one team in all of summer college baseball. In 2017, we were ranked in the top four.

As we promised, we have helped build a stronger community. Our players have taught local kids at our summer camp and collected 12,158 pounds of food for the Manna Food Center. We have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in improving fields for kids. And we have showcased more than four dozen local nonprofits to Povich Field fans each year with our Nonprofits of the Night program.

Povich Field has held up well, but after 20 seasons it is time for a refresh. Part of the refresh will be replacing the seat backs that have faded in the sun from their elegant Camden green. We are giving you the opportunity to purchase an inscribed seat plaque.

I hope you will be able to support our 20<sup>th</sup> Season Celebration through one of the sponsorships we are offering. Buy a season pass, take an ad in our 20<sup>th</sup> season program to express your family’s support of the Big Train, or buy a seat plaque to help us raise the money we need to refresh Povich Field so it will continue to be a community jewel for 20 more seasons to come.

I’m grateful to BCC Baseball for stepping up to the plate to keep our dream alive and that’s why I am working with them on this 20<sup>th</sup> season campaign to refresh Povich Field.

Thank you for your support of Big Train baseball. I hope to see you at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday June 9 for the 20<sup>th</sup> season celebration right before our 7 p.m. game with the Rockville Express.

Play ball!

Bruce Adams  
Founder

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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State

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Email (please print)

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## PAYMENT INFORMATION

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsorship contribution (see adjoining panel for sponsorship levels)

\$ Additional contribution

\$ TOTAL contribution

Please make checks payable to **BCC Baseball**  
and mail them to:

**20th Season Celebration, c/o BCC Baseball**  
6400 Goldsboro Road, Suite 220  
Bethesda, MD 20817

*BCC Baseball is a 501 (c) (3) tax deductible nonprofit organization.*

**Note:** For your ad or name to appear in the 20<sup>th</sup> season commemorative program, we must receive your check **by no later than Monday May 7.**

### TEXT FOR YOUR PLAQUE (PLEASE PRINT)

Each box below represents a letter, comma, or a space; please copy this form if buying more than one seat plaque.

Leave a blank square between words to signify a space.

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**Sponsors at ALL levels will be listed in the 20th season commemorative program and listed on the Big Train website and will receive a free program. Check a box below to indicate your level of sponsorship for our 20th season.**

- ❑ **Century Club (\$100):** individual season pass
- ❑ **Family Booster Club (\$125):** family season pass
- ❑ **Home Run Club (\$250):** **one seat plaque** and family season pass
- ❑ **Grand Slam Club (\$500):** **one seat plaque**, family season pass, 1/8 page ad in 20th season program
- ❑ **Diamond Club (\$1,000):** **two seat plaques**, family season pass, 1/4 page ad in 20th season program, and first pitch at a Big Train game at Povich Field
- ❑ **Super Big Train Fan Club (\$2,500):** **four seat plaques**, family season pass, full page ad in 20th season program, first pitch at a Big Train game at Povich Field, and a picnic for ten (10).
- ❑ **Youth Team/School/Birthday Package (\$750):**  
 Team/School/Birthday of the Night (*kids on the field and first pitch*) ❖ **One seat plaque** ❖ Family Season Pass for coach, teacher, or birthday family ❖ Picnic Party with Homer the mascot for 25 on a Big Train game night ❖ 1/8 page ad in 20th Season Commemorative Program

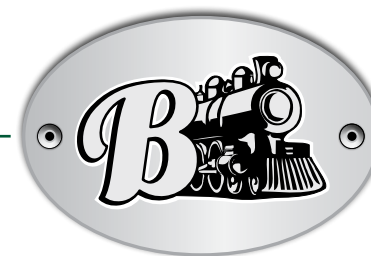
**Advertisers at ALL levels will be listed in the 20th season commemorative program and listed on the Big Train website and will receive a free program.**

- ❑ 1/8 page (\$250): also, pass for 4 tickets to 2 games
- ❑ 1/4 page (\$500): also, pass for 4 tickets to 4 games
- ❑ 1/2 page (\$750): also, pass for 4 tickets to 6 games
- ❑ full page (\$1,250): also, family season pass for 4 to all Big Train games.

We will email all ad buyers with specs for producing ads and deadline.



*Help us celebrate*  
**20 SEASONS**  
*of Bethesda Big Train*  
*baseball at*  
*Shirley Povich Field*



## BETHESDA BIG TRAIN

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# "This is the real thing."

On Friday night June 4, 1999, the Bethesda Big Train played its inaugural game at the brand new Shirley Povich Field. Rising to the occasion as they would do countless times over the next two decades, the Big Train players scored five runs in the first inning and cruised to a victory over the national champion Arlington Senators.

The June 4 victory would be but the first of many wins that would lead to nine league regular season titles and seven league championships. In 2011, the Big Train was ranked the number one team in all of summer college baseball. In 2017, we were ranked in the top four. Fans at Povich Field have seen an excellent brand of wooden bat baseball that has already produced 13 major leaguers.

The goal of the founders was more than just producing championship level baseball. The goal of the founders was to build a sense of community that is often missing in the fast paced life of the twenty-first century. And that goal has also been realized. Marc Fisher of *The Washington Post* called Big Train baseball at Povich Field "the ultimate small-town fantasy." He wrote: "It makes you forget about all the politics and the money and the wrangling that have soiled the big league game. This is the real thing."

As a fan told co-founder John Ourisman that first summer: "When I'm here at a Big Train game, I feel like I live in a small town." Even more than 20 years ago, many of us long for the community connection that Big Train baseball has provided for our families.



We have helped build a stronger community by bringing people together in the family friendly environment we have created at Povich Field to share our love of the game at its most genuine.

Our players have taught local kids at our summer camp. They have collected 12,158 pounds of food for the Manna Food Center. We were motivated by the belief that kids deserve better fields, and we have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in improving our local fields. We have showcased more than four dozen local nonprofits to Povich Field fans each year with our Nonprofits of the Night program.



## Every kid deserves a great summer

We hope your family will join us this summer for the 20th season of Big Train baseball at Shirley Povich Field. Buy a season pass, sign-up for your very own message on a Povich Field seat plaque, take an ad in our commemorative program expressing your support for the Big Train, send your kid to workout with the Big Train players at summer camp.

**Join us Saturday night June 9, 2018. Our 20th season celebration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the first pitch of the Big Train game with the Rockville Express at 7 p.m.**

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Go Big Train!  
Andy, Sam, Alice  
& Kevin Smith

## Be a part of Povich Field!

After 20 seasons, the beautiful Camden green seats have faded, and it is time to replace them. The form on the back gives you an opportunity to name one or more seats in honor of a coach, a parent, a child, or your family. The new seat backs and plaques will be installed in 2019 to start the third decade of Big Train baseball.

