



Bethesda Community Base Ball Club
Big Train Baseball at Shirley Povich Field

Small town charm, Big League talent

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To Our Big Train Community:

I believe sports are going to be an important sign of the return to normalcy we all desire. Dedicating our 2021 season to the nurses, doctors, grocery store clerks, and public safety workers who are helping us through this crisis is going to be hugely important for our community.

In June, I wrote to tell you we had reestablished the Bethesda Community Base Ball Club that built Shirley Povich Field, launched Big Train baseball, won a national championship, and made \$600,000 of improvements to youth fields.

I am pleased to announce we are bringing back the Big Train Base Ball & Holiday Auction—in virtual form—that allowed the Big Train family to reconnect during the off season and raise important dollars for our mission. *Please see the enclosed Big Train Bulletin for details on the event and use the enclosed sponsorship form to contribute.*

We have had a very productive four months. We built a board of directors with immense talent and energy. Our Hall of Fame manager Sal Colangelo has recruited a strong team for 2021. We promoted Chris Rogers to be our general manager. This summer, Chris and six Tim Kurkjian Sports Journalism Fellows helped fill your baseball void with 30 hours of shows on *bigtrain.tv* and five online issues of the *Big Train Beacon*.

We received our valuable 501(c)(3) status from the IRS to ensure the tax deductibility of your donations. Thanks to your generous support this summer, we raised \$70,000 to cover our 2020 startup and transition expenses.

We contributed \$2,500 to support Manna Food Center's work on the Covid-19 frontlines. We honored five Big Train Community Heroes. And we began a partnership with Nourishing Bethesda to help our neighbors most in need.

I have enclosed a *Big Train Bulletin* to bring you up to date on all these exciting activities as well as a sponsorship form. Your support of our holiday auction will be an important step in providing the resources we will need to bring the fun back to Shirley Povich Field in 2021 after this really tough year.

Stay well. Be strong. Roll Train!

Bruce Adams

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Support Big Train Baseball at Shirley Povich Field

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**Sundays November 15, 22, and 29 and December 6, 2020
at 7 p.m. on *bigtrain.tv***



The 2020 Big Train Virtual Base Ball & Holiday Auction will be held on four Sunday nights — November 15, 22, and 29 and December 6, 2020. The shows will air on *bigtrain.tv* starting at 7 p.m. each Sunday. They will then be available on YouTube any time after that.

All Big Train fans will be able to watch the shows free of charge, but ***we are asking Big Train fans to help us raise the funds we need for the 2021 season by becoming sponsors or making a donation AND, of course, by bidding high and often during the online auctions.***

Sponsors will have the option to appear on one of the shows and ask a question of our guest speaker. Other options for event sponsors include having your name on a seat plaque at Shirley Povich Field or a 2021 season pass.

Be Part of the Show!

Sponsors at \$250 or more will have the opportunity to be part of the show by asking a question of one of our guest speakers. Four sponsors will be able to pre-record a question each show. If you are a \$250 or more sponsor and you would like to be part of one of the shows, please indicate your speaker preferences below in order 1-2-3-4-5. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences on a first come, first served basis.

- ___ ESPN's Tim Kurkjian
- ___ Hank Thomas, grandson of Walter Johnson
- ___ *USA Today's* Christine Brennan
- ___ Kitty Kelley, best selling author
- ___ Maury Povich, son of Shirley Povich

Please make checks payable to Bethesda Community Base Ball Club and mail them with this form to:
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Help the Big Train Get Ready for a Great 2021 Season

Event Sponsor

- Leadership Diamond Sponsor at \$5,000
Lifetime family or corporate season pass, four Povich Field seat plaques, AND questions for two event speakers.
- Leadership Circle Sponsor at \$2,500
Two Povich Field seat plaques, 2021 family or corporate season pass, AND questions for two event speakers.
- Diamond Club Sponsor at \$1,000
One Povich Field seat plaque, 2021 family or corporate season pass, AND one question for an event speaker
- Grand Slam Sponsor at \$500 (*check two of three options*)
 - One Povich Field seat plaque 2021 family or corporate season pass
 - one question for an event speaker.
- Home Run Club Sponsor at \$250 (*check one*)
 - 2021 family or corporate season pass OR one question for an event speaker.

Event Supporters

- \$_____ I don't need a season pass or seat plaque.
I just want to support the return of Big Train baseball in 2021.
- \$150 for 2021 family or corporate season pass.
- \$100 for 2021 individual season pass.

Support Nourishing Bethesda

- \$_____ I want to make an additional contribution to support Nourishing Bethesda's effort to provide food for our neighbors in need.

TOTAL

- \$_____ Note: please write one check to BCBBC for your total contributions to Big Train and Nourishing Bethesda and BCBBC will forward your donation in your name to Nourishing Bethesda.

Sponsors selecting inscribed seat plaques at Povich Field should email bruce@greaterwash.org about instructions for desired text.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (please print) _____ Phone: cell home work

Check here if paying by credit card Visa MC

Cardholder Name _____ Signature _____

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Billing Address (if different from above) _____ State _____ Zip _____