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### **West Pembroke Pines Optimist Miracle League Volunteer Opportunities**

The **WPPO Miracle League** operates during the fall season between August and November. Most games are played on Friday evenings. Warm-ups begin at 7:00pm, followed by the actual game which starts at 7:30PM. The game is played under tee ball rules where there are no outs, everybody scores and enjoy a good time.

We are always in need of volunteers to serve as buddies, coaches and umpires. Buddies are youth (ages 12 and up) and adults who assist the player (when needed) in batting, running the bases, protecting the player from hard hit balls. The best part is being a friend on and off the field. Our volunteers can be family members, local girls and boys youth teams and civic groups just to mention a few. This is a great opportunity for high school students to earn community hours required for graduation and at the same time give back to the community they live in. The volunteers "Buddies" are referred to as "Angels in the Outfield".

#### **Buddies "Angels in the Outfield"**

- Safety First
- Playing Baseball and Having Fun
- Encouragement
- To protect the Miracle League player at all times.
- When a hard hitter is up to bat, Buddies are to step in front of their Miracle League Player for protection.
- Always allow the Miracle League Player as much freedom as possible to play his/her own game.
- Assist Miracle League Player according to their needs.
- Be of good spirit with enthusiasm, love, good attitude and concern in motivating the players and their families.
- Become their friend; get to know the players and their families.
- Arrive at field 30 minutes prior to game time.
- Be properly dressed and clean in a Miracle League Buddies shirt.
- Demonstrate high morals and integrity on and off the field.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact George Nieto at [George.Nieto@Gmail.Com](mailto:George.Nieto@Gmail.Com). All volunteers are required to fill out a Volunteer Application and a Criminal Background Check form if over the age of 18. The forms can be downloaded from our Handouts section and emailed or faxed to 954-602-2813.