

Press Release

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Central Florida Bambino Buddy

Ball opens new facility for special needs players: Bright House Networks and Bright House Sports Network join with Central Florida Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball leagues to dedicate the **Bright House Sports Network Buddy Ball Stadium**

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Altamonte Springs, FL: The Bright House Sports Network Stadium is a specially designed facility to provide physically and mentally challenged athletes a place to enjoy baseball on the field, in the action and not just in the stands. The dedication ceremony will take place at Eastmonte Park in Altamonte Springs. The public is invited.

Central Florida Bambino Buddy Ball is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing every child in Central Florida the ability to enjoy the full experience of the game of baseball. A volunteer board was established just over a year ago with a goal of raising the necessary funds to build a fully accessible field.

WHEN:

Dedication Ceremony: Saturday, April 17, 9:00 AM
League games played Saturdays, 4:00 pm March-May

WHERE:

Eastmonte Park-830 Magnolia Drive, Altamonte Springs
Visit http://altamontesports.org/rec_centers/eastmonte.php for directions.

Key details:

- Bambino Buddy Ball is a division of Babe Ruth Baseball League Inc. This division was established for organizations wishing to charter a league that encompasses players ages 5-20 who are either physically and/or mentally challenged. The division makes allowance for a “buddy” to help the player swing a bat, round the bases, catch a ball, etc.
- Bright House Networks and Bright House Sports Network committed to 10 year partnership with Central Florida Bambino Buddy Ball. **“Bright House Sports Network is committed to serving the local community. We are thrilled to be able to provide a facility where children of special needs can play America’s favorite pastime,”** said BHSN General Manager Paul Kosuth.
- The City of Altamonte Springs generously donated the land and daily maintenance of the facility. The volunteer board and members of area Babe Ruth Baseball leagues throughout Central Florida, including Altamonte Springs, Longwood, Oviedo, and Sanford joined together to kick off the fundraising campaign to raise the necessary dollars to build the field.
- The field includes a fully accessible rubberized playing surface, spacious dugouts, accessible drinking fountains, sidewalks, and covered bleachers. And if you look closely you may see a glimpse of old Yankee Stadium.

For further information, or if you would like to volunteer or make a donation, contact Sarah Reece at 407-463-2504, or visit the website at <http://cfbuddyball.baberuthonline.com>.

Central Florida Bambino Buddy Ball Board Members, Players/Buddies and Bright House Networks Officials are available for interview upon request.