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As part of the 2017 Charlottesville Dogwood Festival, the 6th Annual Dogwood Benefit Breakfast will be held on Friday, April 21, 2017 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Charlottesville. The "Take Me Out to The Ballgame" Benefit Breakfast will honor Monticello Little League Challenger Division. All of the proceeds from the silent auction will go to the Challenger League.

The Challenger Division with Monticello Little League was created in the early 1990's in the Charlottesville area, to allow children with disabilities the opportunity to participate in a recreational Baseball League. The league is designed to be flexible in order to cater to the unique needs of each player. Children from surrounding areas meet on a weekly basis with their family member and/or support buddies to learn the fundamentals of baseball and participate in structured games. This allows the players to engage with other children their own age that have similar disabilities in a social environment while playing baseball. Players are encouraged to utilize their physical capabilities to strengthen their overall well-being.



The Challenger Division participates in the yearly Jamboree that is held in Virginia Beach, VA in early May of each year. The Jamboree is an event where teams gather to play in a tournament and participate in various activities that are targeted towards children with disabilities. Groups such as The Blue Angels, the Virginia State Police and local fire and rescue, volunteer with hosting the yearly event to show their support for all the players and their family members.

Children in the Challenger Division participate in the regular season and the Jamboree at no cost to the families. This is only possible by donations from the community and fundraisers. Won't you consider supporting these kids who want so much to be a part of these activities and look forward to the Jamboree each year? The smallest gesture will go a long way in supporting a very important cause – these children and their families...

The success of the Silent Auction depends on the donations received. If you helped out last year, I extend my heartfelt thanks and hope that you will once again be a part of this very worthwhile cause. If you were not a part of the 2016 Benefit Breakfast and Auction, please consider helping out. Can we count on your support?

Sincerely,

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