

## Buddy Leader Testimonial

Our family got involved with Miracle League more than 10 years ago. Miracle League is one time each week when everyone in our house is together having fun. Simply put, Miracle League is the highlight of our summer. While we get to spend time together, we also get to spend time with the good friends we have made through the years. Many of our players, and their families, have been with our team since these players were little..... Alex, Asher, Brady, Brendan, Jack, Jackson, Jud, Nicholas, Ty, and others. Watching these athletes grow up has been incredible.

Our community is fortunate to have our athletes, this league and the many volunteers. Our athletes continually make us smile. During the games, nothing matters except having fun and staying safe. The pinnacle of each game is singing "Take Me Out to the Ballpark." Interestingly, most of the athletes on our team have autism; but, the number of players who can pronounce every word to this song is remarkable. They love it; and, so do we.

The majority of our buddies are local middle school and high school students. We need their leadership; and, they enjoy the experience. The routine hugs and smiles from excited athletes are meaningful to us all. Our buddies understand they are needed in our community; and, they thrive with this responsibility. Our prior buddies have careers in special education, dentistry, and one attending West Point. These leaders continue to positively impact our community.

If you have time, and you are looking for fun this summer, come volunteer with the Miracle League. We need your help; and, you will love this experience. Bring your friends and family too!!

Steve Henck  
Buddy Leader for The Orioles