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Dear Parent:

As I hope you know, wonderful things are going on with the LeTourneau University baseball program, and we come to you seeking help for a great group of young athletes that is growing athletically, academically and spiritually in Longview, Texas.

LeTourneau University first started playing baseball in 1969 and has enjoyed many ups and downs on the playing field. Conrad Vernon Field has been the home of Yellow Jacket baseball since its beginning. In recent years some new dugouts have been added, a newer scoreboard is in place and some better bleachers allow more fans to attend. In the last couple years with the university's help, the coaches and players have worked on the field to make it more playable. But much more needs to be done.

I want to take LeTourneau University to the next level and become a championship contender in the highly competitive American Southwest Conference, one of the premier Division III baseball leagues in the nation. Other schools in the ASC have recently built new stadiums and practice facilities, and it's time for LeTourneau to step to the plate.

The university has approved a plan to build a covered, lighted, state-of-the-art batting cage complex adjacent to Conrad Vernon Field. The plan is to start construction late this year so the complex can be operational when practice starts in late January for the 2010 spring season.

The baseball program's two main support groups, a Parent Support Organization (PSO) and a Baseball Alumni Group, have agreed to spearhead fund-raising efforts to raise approximately \$50,000 by the end of this year to pay for the project. With the university's support and a couple gifts, we have \$20,000 already committed. An alumnus, one of the members of the first baseball team at LeTourneau, has agreed to match up to \$15,000 in new gifts, which would put us at the estimated \$50,000 total cost.

We are asking local businesses; friends, family and associates of the program and our current and former players; plus any baseball fan in general to make any **tax-deductible** donation possible to help support this important project. No donation is too small, no donation is too large, but time is of the essence because we need to have the funds raised before we can break ground.

All contributors to the complex will be included on our "Wall of Honor" that will adorn the new complex. We also will be inviting all alumni to attend our Annual Baseball Alumni Weekend in the spring that will include a dedication ceremony and barbecue to celebrate LeTourneau baseball past, present and future.

You may send a check to the address on the letterhead or visit our PSO website at www.JacketsBaseballFans.com to make your contribution. I look forward to hearing from you and look forward to seeing you at the dedication of the Batting Facility/Complex Improvement during Baseball Alumni Weekend!

Thank you in advance for your support of LeTourneau baseball. We look forward to hearing from you and truly appreciate your help.

Robin Harriss
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