

Lexington High School left handed pitcher and 1<sup>st</sup> baseman works his own field of dreams project.

Lexington, MA –

Lexington High School Senior, Ed Meyers, exceeds the 40 hour community service graduation requirement spearheading an equipment donation project to support Roberto's Kids in his surrounding communities.

“Originally, I was only going to focus my collection efforts in Lexington, Massachusetts, a community just outside of Boston with a population of about 30,000 residents”, Meyers shared. “But then I thought why not also approach the baseball training facility where I train during the winter months. That led me to start thinking about approaching the Little League organizations in the towns surrounding Lexington.”

Taking advantage of the attention grabbing Spring traditions involved in kicking off Little League Program seasons, Meyers drafted a letter introducing Roberto's Kids to the groups and programs he wanted to partner with. He enclosed a collection drive leaflet that he developed so project partners could use it in player registration mailings to spread the word. No stone unturned, Meyers placed collection boxes at Suburban Boston's premier year round indoor baseball & indoor softball training facility, Extra Innings-Woburn. “I was hoping that if they purchased new equipment for the season from the pro shop, they would then donate their old equipment to Roberto's Kids,” Meyers said.

Roberto's Kids collects equipment from baseball leagues, charitable organizations, individuals and retailers in the United States and Canada and distributes them in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

“Roberto's Kids has brought joy to those who don't always get the opportunities,” Luis Clemente, Roberto Clemente's youngest son. “In the Clemente tradition of giving and caring for others, it is truly making a difference by touching and inspiring so many lives.”

Catching up with Roberto's Kids founder, Stephen Pindar, he shared, “Our program presence spans across 26 States in the United States and 3 Canadian provinces. Many individuals and groups across the Nation and Canada actively organize collection drives for Roberto's Kids. We hit a grand slam with a program partner like Ed Meyers as he opened up his participation to include being available as a collection hub.”

Pindar shared that Collection Hubs are an intricate part of Roberto's Kids continued growth by acting as a holding tank for other collection projects that cannot store or ship the equipment. “While actually organizing and running a collection drive isn't possible for some individuals and groups, they are willing to take on the commitment of facilitating the movement of collections from one location to another or housing them and then delivering them through to our larger storage stations.”

The dream of playing baseball isn't exclusive to young men in the Dominican Republic or Puerto Rico. Susan and Art Meyers enjoyed wrapping up the project with their son sharing, "Doesn't every young man dream of playing in college and the Majors?"

Meyers plans to organize another collection drive this coming Spring. "After graduating, I hope is to pass my project on to someone who shares the same love of baseball. The generosity of the Lexington community was truly amazing and I hope to involve my new college community in the program," Meyers shared.

Pindar encourages anyone who is interested in grabbing the bat from Ed Meyers to contact Roberto's Kids at (607) 432-7440, [steve.pindar@robertos-kids.org](mailto:steve.pindar@robertos-kids.org) or through the website at: [www.robertos-kids.org](http://www.robertos-kids.org). "It is a privilege to partner with impassioned individuals like Ed Meyers who help to enrich the lives of others. He has truly made a difference by touching and inspiring so many lives."