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### **Harford County Signs Agreement with Miracle League to Develop Baseball Field for Children with Disabilities in Bel Air**

**BEL AIR, Md.**, (Feb. 21, 2018) - Harford County government has entered into a partnership with the nonprofit Miracle League of Harford County, Inc. to help children with disabilities experience the thrill of playing ball. In a memorandum of understanding signed by County Executive Barry Glassman on February 12, Harford Miracle League will fund and develop a specially adapted baseball field and operate related programs on land at the county's Schucks Road Park in Bel Air. Under the agreement, Harford County Parks & Recreation will also develop programming using the field, expanding opportunities for individuals with disabilities of all ages.


"We are proud to partner with the nonprofit Miracle League on Harford County's first baseball field for children with disabilities," County Executive Barry Glassman said. "Together we will help everyone have a chance to play ball."

Harford County Parks & Rec's therapeutic division currently offers a variety programs for individuals of all ages with any type of disability. Programs are highly structured utilizing trained staff, adapted equipment and activities with a high staff-to-participant ratio. Programs are offered countywide at a variety of locations including recreation centers, parks and schools. More information is available on the county website at <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/1884/Therapeutic-Recreation-Programming> or by calling Harford County Therapeutic Recreation specialist Rachel Kollasch at 410-638-4899. Follow Harford County TR on Instagram and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HarfordCountyTR/>.



*Seated in front from left: Melissa Lambert, Harford County Attorney; Barry Glassman, Harford County Executive; Tom Walls, Miracle League President; Kathy Burley, Harford County Director of Parks & Rec; Back row: Billy Boniface, Harford County Director of Administration; Amber Shrodes, Harford County Director of Community Services; Miracle League board members Denise Dreiger and Scott Elliott; Rachel Kollasch, Harford County Therapeutic Recreation Specialist; Rachel Harbin, Harford County Coordinator of Disability Services; Rick Bowlus, Miracle League board; Sharon Walls, Miracle League Secretary; Miracle League board members John and Wendy Little; Katie Hargrove, Miracle League Vice-President. Not pictured: Miracle League Treasurer Julie Chmura and board member Ben Mayforth.*

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