

Grant Proposal for
Joe Nuxhall Children's Center

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NARRATIVE

*“This is the ole’ left hander I’m rounding third and heading for home.
Will you help me throw out one more pitch? Help me build the
Joe Nuxhall Children’s Center.”*

This was a statement made by Joe before he passed away.

One Way Farm Children’s Home is requesting financial assistance towards the building of the Joe Nuxhall Children’s Center. The cost of this center will be approximately two million dollars; the center will become part of a complex on 12 acres in Fairfield, Ohio. Fairfield is the hometown of Joe Nuxhall.

Joseph Henry Nuxhall (born July 30, 1928), sadly recently passed away November 15, 2007, was a Major League Baseball pitcher for sixteen seasons. He compiled a career ERA of 3.90 and a Won-Lost record of 135-117. Long known as "the old lefthander," Nuxhall is most often remembered for becoming the youngest player ever to appear in a modern Major League game when on June 10, 1944, at age 15 years, 10 months, and 11 days, he pitched 2/3 of an inning for the Cincinnati Reds.

Nuxhall spent almost 15 of his 16 Major League seasons with Cincinnati, where he was a two-time National League All-Star and led the league in shutouts in 1955. He also played for the Kansas City Athletics and Los Angeles Angels in the American League.

Nuxhall retired from the Reds in April, 1967 and immediately began his second career as a Reds broadcaster. His trademark radio signoff phrase -- "...Rounding third and heading for home" -- is displayed on the outside of the Reds' stadium, Great American Ball Park, which opened in 2003. A likeness of Nuxhall is one of four statues -- along with others depicting Ernie Lombardi, Ted Kluszewski, and Frank Robinson -- that decorate the main entrance of the stadium. He was elected to the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame in 1968, and officially retired from the Reds on October 3, 2004, 60 years after his pitching debut.

Introduction

One Way Farm Children's Home was established in 1976 and has grown from an \$11,000 budget to a million plus. One Way Farm Children's Home is a 501(C) (3) non-profit corporation.

Judge David Niehaus and Mr. Robert Clevenger, Director of Court Services, stated in a recent letter to Barbara J. Condo,

“As the Director of the Juvenile Justice Center, and the Juvenile Judge, we are pleased to write this letter of support for the One Way Farm. Through the years, One Way Farm has acted as a safety net for many young people, protecting them during a time of crisis. As a result of you and your staff's commitment to children, One Way Farm has been a place where a child's life can positively change.”

The Joe Nuxhall Children's Center will be part of the One Way Farm Children's Home, a non profit organization located in Fairfield, Ohio caring for the abused, abandoned, neglected, troubled youth, and children with disabilities. The programs will be developed and implemented without regard to race, color, sex, or national origin. The One Way Farm Children's Home is state-certified and provides the following services.

- Temporary/emergency housing for abandoned, abused or homeless children, many in need of medication/pharmaceutical administration.
- Meeting the needs of special education children, such as the mentally challenged and A.D.D., the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center will be able to house classes and special programs for these children.
- Permanent placement of children by the Juvenile Courts, Human Services Department, and other placing agencies, the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center will allow us to offer special parenting programs for parents.
- An alternative to institutionalization for mildly troubled children and the mentally and physically challenged, the mildly troubled child is not always welcome at community gyms; the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center will offer a welcoming alternative for this child.
- There will be sports for Special Olympics as a result of this grant.

The children of One Way Farm Children's Home are abused, abandoned, neglected, and sometimes have other disabilities; the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center will be an opportunity to allow them to participate in the activities that every child deserves, in addition to public use. The center will also be available to disadvantaged and troubled children.

The One Way Farm Children's Home tries to reunite child and family whenever possible and offers family counseling. The Joe Nuxhall Children's Center will provide an environment where families can play games or attend parenting classes.

This facility will provide classrooms, gyms, cafeteria and offices for children of disability and disadvantage. A gym so our local MRDD does not have to pay to play, character education programs and parenting programs, this facility will be totally available for Special Olympics, it also will have the development of Joe's love for baseball at no cost.

When the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center is complete there will be a Director of Services that will coordinate all events, sport activities, seminars and classroom training, for children with disabilities and disadvantages without regard to race, religion, color or National origin. An annual operating budget will be secured.



Jessie (seated next to Mr. Nuxhall) a severely physically challenged young lady from MRDD took it upon herself to walk through her neighborhood in Hamilton and raise \$195.00 for the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center. This is an example of the dedication and desire of the mentally challenged to see this complex completed. Therefore the gym will be named Jessie's Gym.

One Way Farm Children's Home is applying for funds to build the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center. The Joe Nuxhall Children's Center is a facility (see attached) for the betterment of children. The Joe Nuxhall Children's Center will be used for sporting events such as the Special Olympics, arts, culture and education for children with disabilities and who are disadvantaged. Children in crisis need the exposure to lead them towards their potential. Children who live at One Way Farm Children's Home need the positive influence that such a facility can provide. They can play games, participate in special events, children can learn more about the positive influences of other people and the right to a full life. One Way Farm Children's Home has been in operation since 1976 and is certified by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Problem Statement

The children who live at One Way Farm Children's Home are abandoned abused and troubled therefore they are in need of the positive influence that the programs this facility will bring to them. The gym is being built for sportsmanship, special programs designed to create a desire for higher education. MRDD at the present time rents a gym for their games and special functions; this center would eliminate this cost and will provide for 501(c) (3) that works with children in an environment to enhance their program.

There are many times when MRDD has a gathering or meeting and they have to rent a facility, there again the socialization of the needy, the physically and mentally challenged is vital to their growth, this facility would be of no cost to such agencies.

“The Butler County Board of MRDD certainly recognizes the need for such a facility within our community for individuals with developmental disabilities to access. Seeing this gymnasium become a reality will be such an asset and resource for many of us to utilize as we continue to develop a variety of activities for individuals with disabilities.”

**Tanya Garrett Coffey
Director of Community Outreach
& Human Resources
Butler Co. MRDD**

Objectives

The Joe Nuxhall Children's Center will provide for the physically, mentally and disadvantaged child, to grow with the programs and sports activities of this complex. The Joe Nuxhall Children's Center will provide a special educational program for those with an education deficit, to provide a gym for special sporting activities such as the Special Olympics, providing programs such as teaching baseball. The Joe Nuxhall Children's Center will provide an all around facility for children who have been abandoned, abused, neglected, and troubled and are mentally and physically challenged without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, to teach love and a model of such and the development of character.

Method

The blueprints have been secured and drawn (see attached). The plot has been drawn also. The grant has been written to secure funds for the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center. Permission as to zoning from the city of Fairfield to build the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center has also been secured (see attached).

A brochure has been printed and is part of this grant (see attached). A separate mail delivery with special colored envelopes has been printed. The color and Post Office Box number is to secure the separation of Joe Nuxhall Children's Center donations from One Way Farm Children's Home general gift giving.

A DVD which is enclosed also has been created for a Public Service Announcement to be shown on local television and cable broadcast. A web site has also been designed www.joenuxhallchildrenscenter.org to educate interested contributors.

Upon completion of the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center, groups such as MRDD and One Way Farm Children's Home will begin to set in motion programs for the development of these people. Activities such as tutoring, instructional such as baseball, volleyball, and art, to introduce them, and to fulfill their expression, these are just a few of the activities that will be the betterment of hundreds maybe even thousands who now think they are not ok, will be ok.

Evaluation

One Way Farm Children's Home has always had an ongoing evaluation of their programs; this facility will also be evaluated by registration of groups, clients or children who become part of a program at the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center. The programs and development of the programs will be between the Director Mrs. Condo, Fairfield Chamber's Business Person of the Year (see attached) and staff that is retained to fulfill the mission of the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center. We plan on creating a database on all who enter the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center or use the facility so that we can provide a monthly newsletter that will inform all clients of the activities available to them.

Funding/Future Funding

After the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center is built we intend for it to be debt free. The reason for this is One Way Farm Children's Home has a major expense maintaining a program that is well respected; therefore this program has been set up in the following manner. A database has begun with the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center contributions and is separate from the One Way Farm Children's Center database, so that there was no conflict of funds a P.O. box was set up as UPS mailing store so all funding was identified, the return envelope is a different color. We intend to raise funds through a DVD that was produced (see attached) and has been on cable and through Ms. Barbara Condo's public speaking engagements and an annual dinner by groups that benefit from this facility.

Major sponsorship levels will be displayed in the main hall of the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center, the sponsorship levels will be engraved in a granite display as follows.

- A Bronze Plate heavily engraved at the Entrance \$1,000,000
- A 2X3 Granite Wall Plate for Diamond Level \$500,000
- A 1X2 Granite Wall Plate for Platinum Level \$250,000
- A 1X1 Granite Wall Plate for Bronze Level \$100,000
- A Brass Name Plate for Ruby Level \$50,000

Funding to date is as follows:

- Marge Schott \$100,000
- Pella Windows \$21,000
- Collective donations \$34,708
- Tiger Woods Foundation \$10,000
- Greater Cincinnati Foundation \$150,000
- Ohio Contractors – Cement, Blacktop, Footers, Foundation/Excavation \$500,000
- Buddy's Carpet/Flooring \$40,000
- Fredericks/Kitchen Equipment \$100,000