



2025 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

ROUND ROCK EXPRESS BASEBALL



ROCKIN' 25 SEASONS

If you ask fans in Central Texas their favorite local sports memory, the Round Rock Express is sure to come up in conversation. From first dates & family fun days to baseball career milestones, the Express have touched so many lives throughout our 25 seasons. But the ones that we can't forget go beyond the baseball field and into the Central Texas community.

In 2025, the E-Train and our nonprofit partner the Nolan Ryan Foundation partnered with local nonprofits, schools, first responders, youth organizations and community leaders to support those who need it most. Whether responding to historic flooding, investing in youth baseball and softball development or holding fundraisers at Express games, we have continued to passionately participate in the Central Texas community for 25 seasons.

After a year all about looking at the past, we're excited to look towards the future and how we can continue to bring another rockin' 25 seasons full of memories to Round Rock!



(Top Left) Round Rock Express On-Field Home Cap with 25 Season logo patch in the dugout. (Top Right) Express Players chatting about the game. (Bottom) Express fans with their hands up and ready to catch a softee ball from Spike.

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ALONG THE TRACKS



\$100,000

donation coordinated with partner
baseball clubs and Nolan Ryan
Foundation benefiting Texas flood relief

\$300,000

total donated to nonprofit organizations



pounds of food donated to the
Round Rock Area Serving Center

800+

hours volunteered by
Express players and staff

\$7,600



raised thru
memroabilia
auctions

Total value of items donated to
local charities & causes

\$230,000



\$235,000

raised by charitable
groups at Dell
Diamond in 2025

Total raised
& donated in
2025 alone

\$840,000

IN-GAME FUNDRAISING



50/50 RAFFLE

The Nolan Ryan Foundation and Express came together to host nightly 50/50 raffles all season long. **Over \$197,000** was raised for the Foundation's Community Grant Program.

\$197,000
raised through 50/50 Raffle Sales



One of our 50/50 raffle team members selling on Opening Day, April 1.

AUCTIONS

The Express hosted two auctions through the Nolan Ryan Foundation benefitting Texas Flood Relief and the Foundation Scholarship and Community Grant Program. In 2025, the Express, through the Nolan Ryan Foundation, raised **over \$7,600** from auctions for these causes.



Express OF Trevor Hauver sporting the Ryan Express 34s jersey during the July 11 game.

SPIRIT NIGHTS

Spirit Nights offer Parent-Teacher Associations and local schools the opportunity to fundraise through ticket sales at a Round Rock Express game. Nine PTAs and schools used this fundraising opportunity to raise **\$2,500** in 2025.

\$2,500
raised through Spirit Nights



Young fan cheering on the Express with a 'Go RR Express' sign.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH



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CENTRAL TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF

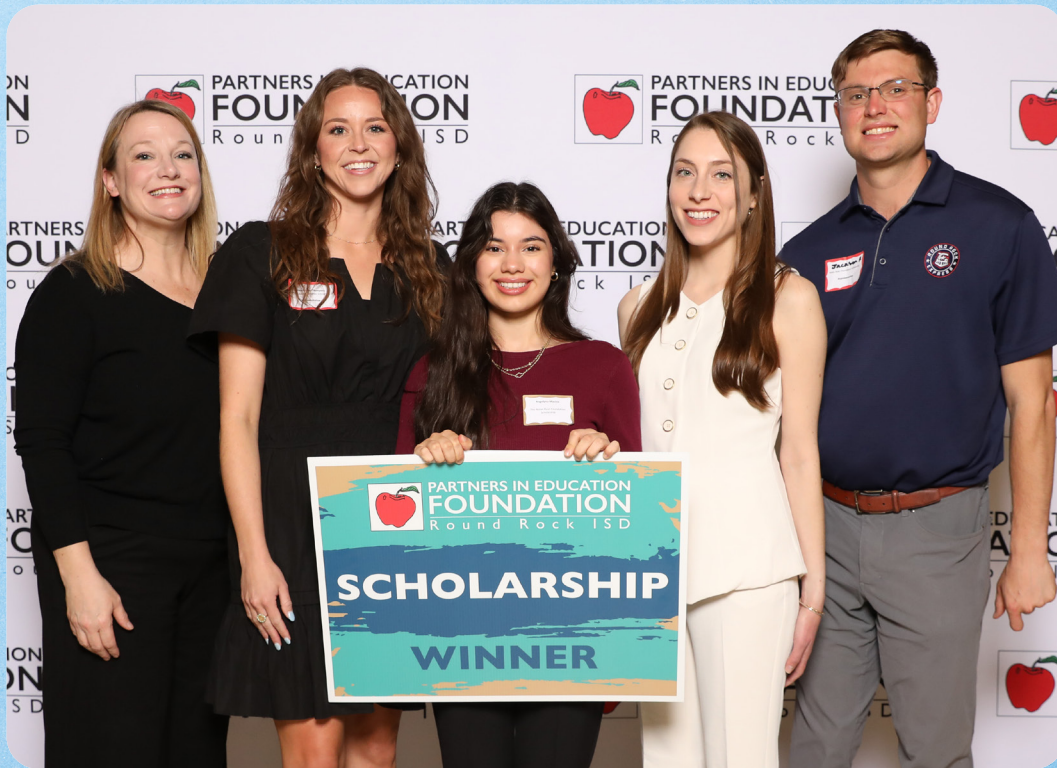
The Round Rock Express and Nolan Ryan Foundation collaborated to raise funds and donations for those affected by the historic flooding that affected Central Texas in early July.

- Throughout the July 8-13 homestand, the Express partnered with Cody Pools to host a men's and women's hygiene donation drive. **Fans, players and staff members brought two truckloads of hygiene products during the drive, which were delivered to areas affected by the floods that next week thanks to Cody Pools.**
- The nightly 50/50 raffle, put on by the Nolan Ryan Foundation, had a continuously growing pot throughout the homestand and raised **over \$11,200.**
- We also raised **over \$5,600** through our game-worn and autographed Ryan Express 34s jersey auction.

The Express and Foundation made an immediate impact through the above fundraising efforts, but did not stop there. The Nolan Ryan Foundation coordinated with partner baseball clubs to donate **\$100,000** to Texas flood relief. A quarter of these funds were raised and donated by the Express and Foundation thanks to our fans, players and staff members.



(Top Left & Right) Our two truck loads of donations. (Bottom) Express staff and players with the Cody Pools staff before loading up the trucks with the hygiene product donations.



Nolan Ryan Foundation Board Members & staff with Angelyna at the 2025 Round Rock ISD Partners in Education Foundation Scholarship Award Ceremony.

NOLAN RYAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Nolan Ryan Foundation works year-round to raise funds for its scholarship program. The program was recently elevated by establishing a scholarship endowment fund that awards a local outstanding high school senior a scholarship, renewable for up to four years, to help further their education. In partnership with the Round Rock ISD Partners in Education Foundation, the Nolan Ryan Foundation awarded Angelyna \$40,000 to continue her education at the University of Texas - Austin.

\$40,000
awarded

COMMUNITY APPEARANCES

The Express offer mascot appearances and staff speaking engagements at community events throughout the year. In 2025, Spike made over **50 appearances** at ribbon cuttings, grand openings, sporting events and more while our staff spoke at **over 20 events**.

ROUND ROCK BRISKET BASH

After a successful 2024 Brisket Bash, the E-Train teamed up with Goodstock by Nolan Ryan & the Nolan Ryan Foundation to bring the Brisket Bash BBQ Tasting back to Dell Diamond! Fans were able to grab a bite from 10 BBQ joints around the state of Texas with an exclusive ticket add-on, proceeds benefiting the John Brotherton's Pitmaster Foundation and Texas Flood Relief. The Express, through the Nolan Ryan Foundation, donated **\$9,000** to both efforts through ticket add-on sales.

\$9,000

raised for John Brotherton's Pitmaster Foundation and Texas Flood Relief

TEDDY BEAR TOSS

A fan-favorite Teddy Bear Toss occurred for the third year in a row! The Express and Nolan Ryan Foundation teamed up with the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center to collect stuffed animals during the August 3 game. This season we donated **over 200 stuffed animals** to the Advocacy Center.



Spike, Express INF Cody Freeman and Express RHP Joe Barlow visit patients at Ascension Dell Children's in June 2025.



Fans enjoying BBQ during our 2025 Brisket Bash.



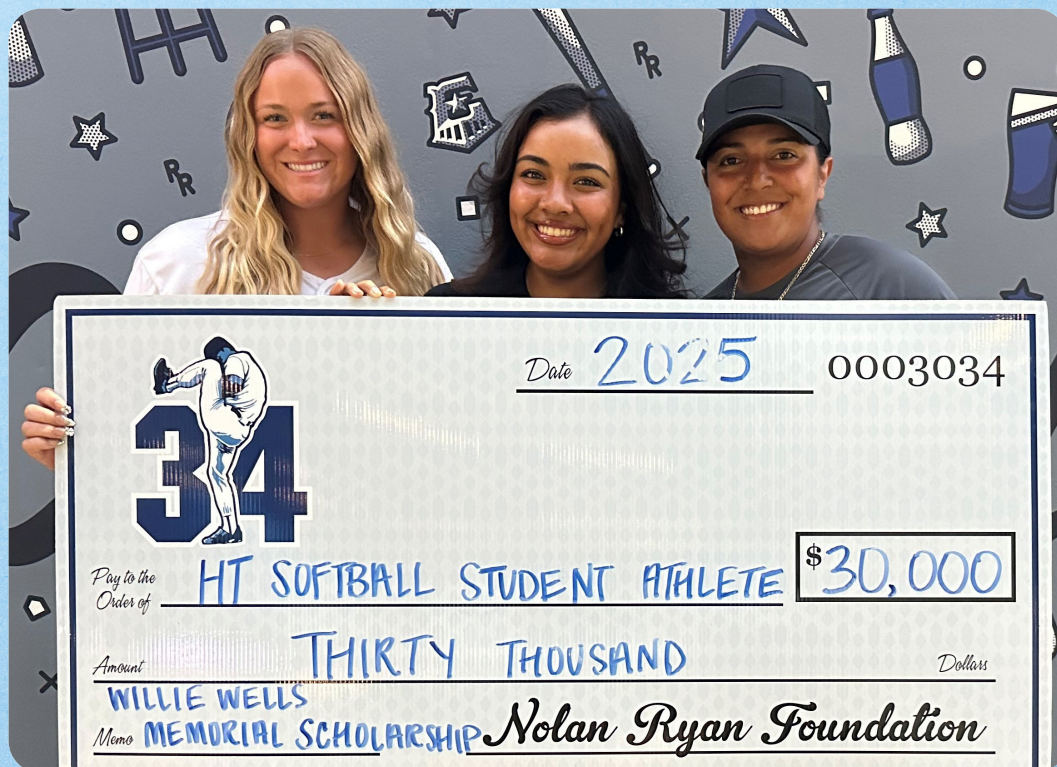
Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center and Express employees with some of the stuffed animals collected during our 2025 Teddy Bear Toss.

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BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DEVELOPMENT



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Grecia and her two coaches after the on-field presentation of the Willie Wells Memorial Scholarship in April 2025.

WILLIE WELLS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Every spring, the Nolan Ryan Foundation and the Round Rock Express award the Willie Wells Memorial Scholarship to an outstanding student athlete at Huston-Tillotson University. Hall of Famer Willie Wells, the scholarship's namesake, was a pioneer in the sport of baseball, playing in the Negro Leagues and most notably with the Austin Black Senators. This year, the Foundation and Express awarded the Willie Wells Memorial Scholarship to Grecia, a Huston-Tillotson softball student athlete.

\$30,000
awarded

YOUTH LEAGUE NIGHTS

Each year the Express partner with little leagues in the Central Texas region to host their own Youth League Night. In total, Dell Diamond hosted local baseball and softball leagues across 26 games and raised **over \$32,200** in 2025.

\$32,200
raised for Youth Baseball & Softball



Young fans running the bases after an Express game.

BASEBALL BUDDIES

Academy Sports & Outdoors gives the opportunity for youth baseball and softball teams to serve as Baseball Buddies at an Express game throughout the season. **More than 45 youth teams and leagues participated in 2025.**



Baseball Buddies waiting for their baseballs to be signed.

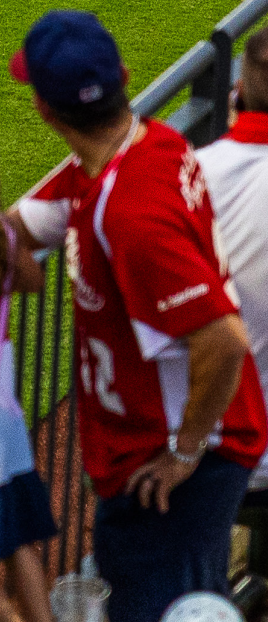
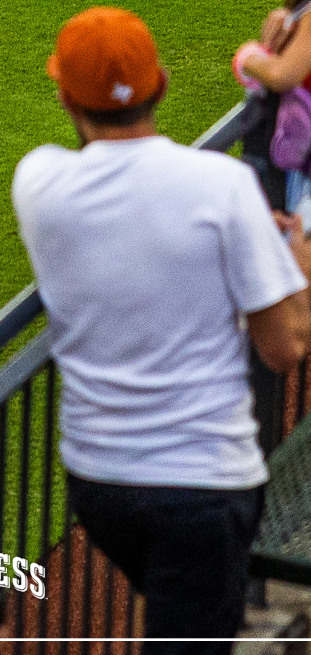
PLAY BALL WEEKEND

The MLB-led initiative inspires everyone to play ball together for one weekend in June. **The E-Train hosted a Play Ball Clinic during the weekend with over 45 RBI Austin players, free of charge.**



Express INF Freeman coaching groundball drills during Play Ball Weekend.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



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STRIKE OUT HUNGER

The Round Rock Area Serving Center teamed up with the Express at every Tuesday home game in 2025 to strike out hunger in our community. Collectively, we received **over 7,000 pounds of canned food** (2,000 pounds more than 2024) from Express fans to help feed our community).

COMMUNITY TICKET PROGRAM

The Express Community Ticket Program, presented by Ideal Signs, provides tickets to nonprofit organizations in the Central Texas region that might not have an opportunity to attend an Express game otherwise. Through the program, the Express donated **over \$8,800 in tickets** to community organizations in 2025.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

The Community Spotlight, presented by Thrivent, recognizes one nonprofit organization at home games throughout the season. This year, the Express and Nolan Ryan Foundation **recognized 57 organizations, donated over \$100,000 in tickets and fundraised over \$5,800 for these organizations** at an E-Train game this year.

MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION

The Express are proud to pay tribute to local military members and first responders. In 2025, the Express honored **20 heroes** through our Hero Salute Program, presented by Sport Clips, and **donated \$2,500 in tickets** to them and their families. The E-Train also provide discounted tickets

to every Round Rock Express home game through GOVX.

GOOD SPORT PROGRAM

To prevent drinking & driving and promote responsible drinking, the Express teamed up with Brown Distributing to implement the Good Sport Program at each Thursday and Friday Express game.

THE SALVATION ARMY DONATION DRIVE

The Express and Salvation Army teamed up for a season-long donation drive.

ISD NIGHTS

The Express partnered with Samsung this season to host six local ISD nights. **All districts threw out a first pitch at their ISD night and received 100 tickets to distribute to their staff.**



(Left) Photo of a local ROTC presenting the colors during a game. (Right) One of our Thrivent Community Spotlights, The Georgetown Project, enjoying the game during their designated night.

COMMUNITY AWARDS



BEST PLACE TO WORK

The Round Rock Express is honored to be named the "Best Place to Work" at the 57th annual Round Rock Chamber Business Awards in early 2025. This award would not be possible without our incredible staff who put serving others above all else.



Express staff posing with the "Best Place to Work" award in front of Dell Diamond.

COPA DE LA DIVERSION CHAMPIONS

At the 2025 Minor League Baseball Fall Business Summit, the Chupacabras de Round Rock were recognized as the Copa de la Diversion Champions! This award is presented each year to the club who embraces and connects with their local Latino community throughout the initiative.



Express staff posing with the Copa de la Diversion Champions Award at the 2025 MiLB Fall Business Summit.

BASEBALL FIELD OF THE YEAR

In December, Dell Diamond was recognized at the Texas Turfgrass Association as the Baseball Field of the Year for the 2025 season. Our grounds crew's dedication to ensuring our field is in the best condition for numerous baseball and non-baseball events never goes unnoticed.



The Express grounds crew prepping the field for a game during the 2025 season.

PRO SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR

The Round Rock Express is proud to be recognized as the Pro Sports Team of the Year at the inaugural Austin Sports Awards. A special thanks to all of the fans who voted & attended an Express game this year. We are honored to receive this award after an incredible 25th season.



(Top Left) Austin Sports Awards hosts Fran Harris and Mark Henry with Express President Chris Almandarez after receiving the award. (Top Right) The Pro Sports Team of the Year Award from the Austin Sports Awards. (Bottom) Express staff members with the award.

FRONT OFFICE INVOLVEMENT



COVERING HOME

Covering Home, presented by Thrivent, is a monthly community volunteer initiative comprised of Express and Nolan Ryan Foundation staff. Throughout 2025, our staff members volunteered at the following nonprofit and community organizations.

- Unbound Now
- Lone Star Paralysis Foundation
- Huston-Tillotson University
- Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center
- Round Rock Area Serving Center
- RBI Austin
- Hand to Hold
- HopeAustin



(Top Left) Helping organize the freezers at the Round Rock Serving Center in May 2025. (Top Right) Putting together parent packages for NICU families through Hand to Hold in August 2025. (Bottom) Assembling pinwheels for the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center that will be displayed around the community throughout April 2025 for National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Round Rock Express Front Office Staff after the final game of 2025.

CHRIS ALMENDAREZ **PRESIDENT**

- Round Rock Police Foundation Board Member
- Dell Children's North Advisory Council
- RBI Austin Advisory Board Member
- Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men Member

TIM JACKSON **GENERAL MANAGER**

- Round Rock Chamber of Commerce Board Member
- Austin Sports Commission Board Member
- Round Rock Rotary Member
- Baylor University "B" Association Vice President

LAURA FRAGOSO **SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT,** **MARKETING**

- Nolan Ryan Foundation Board Member

- Round Rock ISD District Level Committee
- Blackland Prairie Elementary Campus Comprehensive Needs Assessment Committee

MARY CONLEY THOMPSON **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,** **NOLAN RYAN FOUNDATION**

- Rodeo Austin HOWDY Volunteer Committee
- Baylor University Chi Omega Theta Kappa Chapter Advisor
- Professional Women of Williamson County Member

OSCAR RODRIGUEZ **DIRECTOR, SALES**

- RBI Austin Board Member
- Round Rock Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Taskforce and Talent Development Council

AUBREY PAINTER **MANAGER,** **COMMUNICATION &** **TRAVEL**

- Round Rock Area Serving Center Board Member

ELVIS PEREZ **SENIOR ACCOUNT** **EXECUTIVE**

- Jarrell Chamber of Commerce Member

CASEY SCHNEIDER **SENIOR ACCOUNT** **EXECUTIVE**

- Hutto Chamber of Commerce Member
- Round Rock Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Member

AARON VERWOLD **ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE**

- Austin Chamber of Commerce Member

ZECH ROBICHAUX **ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE**

- Austin Chamber of Commerce Member

JACKSON RYAN **COORDINATOR,** **BASEBALL OPERATIONS &** **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- Nolan Ryan Foundation Board Member
- Round Rock Chamber of Commerce Leadership Round Rock Member
- Kinetic Kids Austin Board of Directors

THANK YOU

