



# GOMMUNITY REPORT

## **Cornfield BRIN Run (BRIN)**

On August 30, 2019, Werner Park played host to the BRIN (Born and Raced in Nebraska) 10K Run. Over 700 runners participated in the race.

# Omaha Step Up For Down Syndrome Walk and Family Festival (Down Syndrome Alliance of the Midlands)

Werner Park was host to the Omaha Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk and Family Festival that had 2,600 walkers.





#### **Baseballoween (Omaha Storm Chasers)**

Baseballoween is a free community event held at Werner Park every October. Over 3,100 people attended the event on October 25, 2019 which included games, trick-or-treating, a haunted house, and clowns.



**Ronald McDonald House Charities Pop Tab Program (Omaha Storm Chasers)** In October 2019, the Omaha Storm Chasers collected 3,750 pop tabs to help the Ronald McDonald House Charities Omaha care for and support families. The pop tab program is important because it provides extra revenues that can help make up for donations that families cannot make during their stay in the Ronald McDonald House.

#### Friendsgiving (Omaha Storm Chasers)

60 fans came to the Jack Daniel's Club at Werner Park to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with their family and friends. The off-season meetup event had two long tables for everyone to sit at and enjoy the meal.

#### **Bell Ringing (Salvation Army)**

Front Office members volunteered time to ring bells on behalf of the Salvation Army at the Shadow Lake Hy-Vee.

#### **Feztival of Trees (Tangier Shrine)**

This year the Omaha Storm Chasers sponsored a \$1,015 tree full of blue and gold ornaments, Storm Chaser pennants, and baseball bows at Tangier Shrine's Feztival of Trees. People paid to see the tree exhibit and bought raffle tickets to win trees. The winner of each received the entire tree and its contents. Stormy made an appearance at one of the auction days.





# Adopt a Family (Project Wee Care)

The Omaha Storm Chasers adopted a family during the holiday season and provided it with clothing, food and toys.

# Santa's Rock'n' Lights (Omaha Storm Chasers)

A drive-thru holiday light show in the

Werner Park parking lot brought in over 8,000 cars and over 28,000 people in November and December of 2019.

#### **Team Fittings (Papillion Select)**

In December 2019 and February 2020 over 680 Papillion Select players and coaches came to Werner Park to try on new gear for the 2020 season.

#### Pancakes and Presents (Omaha Storm Chasers)

75 fans came out to Werner Park to enjoy a pancake breakfast, presents, and pictures with Santa.

#### Omaha Storm Chasers Trivia Nights (Omaha Storm Chasers)



January 24, 2020 brought in 75 fans for 90s Trivia with beer and themed prizes and February 28, 2020 brought in 60 fans for Movie Trivia Night.



#### **Chasers' All-Stars (Omaha Storm Chasers):**

Parents, teachers, and administrators could nominate teachers from grades 1-8 to be a Chasers' All-Star. 4 winning classrooms per week got a visit from Stormy, prizes for the classroom and teacher, and vouchers to an upcoming game. We also had a local weather station contribute prizes and give weather demonstrations to the classrooms. We visited

over 20 classrooms in February and March 2020.

#### **Operation Valentine (Omaha Storm Chasers)**

On Valentine's Day the Omaha Storm Chasers joined forces with other MiLB teams to send a care package to Major White (USMC Veteran). The care package contained Storm Chasers (OSC jersey, autographed mascot baseball cards & baseball), Stormy's Valentine's card and a note from the Front Office Staff.





## YMCA Soul Food Potluck (Omaha Storm Chasers)

Members of the Omaha Storm Chasers Front Office served food at the YMCA 6th Annual Soul Food Potluck on February 19, 2020. Stormy also greeted guests at the event.

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#### Meals That Heal (Ronald McDonald House)

The Omaha Storm Chasers Front Office Staff volunteered their time to cook dinner for the residents of the Omaha Ronald McDonald House in February. In September, the Front Office Staff sent pizza to the house for all of the residents to enjoy.

#### **Read Across America Week (Omaha Storm Chasers)**

Front office members went to 25 local elementary schools and read to classrooms across the Omaha metro area.





#### **Church Services (Reality Church)**

1,235 Reality Church members came to the Werner Park parking lots for a drivein Easter Service and 800 members came for a Father's Day Service.

#### **Curbside To Go (Omaha Storm Chasers)**

Over the course of 6 days in April, May, June, and July 2020, the Storm Chasers hosted Curbside To Go meals sponsored by Gene's Auto & Truck Service, Hebrew National, Pepsi, Runza and Nebraska 811 where fans could pre-order their favorite ballpark foods and select merchandise items. These events brought in over 1,000 fans.

#### Fireworks Shows (Omaha Storm Chasers)

The Omaha Storm Chasers hosted 2 free fireworks shows presented by Hy-Vee, J&M Displays and Star 104,5 for the community. On April 18, 2020 more than 5,000 fans came to enjoy the show. On May 9, 2020 we worked to honor the Papillion-La Vista Senior classes which brought in 3,700 fans.



#### Hand Sanitizer Donation (Omaha Storm Chasers)

On April 23, 2020 The Omaha Storm Chasers and Kidwell Inc. donated 25 gallons of hand sanitizer to the Ronald McDonald house.



## Field of Dreams (Omaha Storm Chasers)

Over the course of May, June, and July, 2020, fans could rent out the Werner Park field courtesy of Weitz for their little league team, family, or friends to enjoy. During 23 different dates, these events brought in over 1,000 people.





# Jackie Robinson Scholarship (Chasers Charities)

Livia McFadden and Nolan Christianson were recipients of the 2020 Robinson Athletic Scholarship sponsored by The Weitz Company. Each received a \$1,000 scholarship from Chasers Charities and The Weitz Company.

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#### Nebraska Prospects Baseball Series (Nebraska Prospects Baseball)

On June 23, Nebraska Prospects played four games at Werner Park which hosted 650 fans. They returned to Werner Park in July to host tryouts.

# Picnic at the Park (Omaha Storm Chasers)

55 fans enjoyed a picnic at Werner Park while the 2013 and 2014 PCL championship games played on the videoboard.



#### Father's Day Ballpark Brunch (Omaha Storm Chasers)

Over 60 fans joined the Storm Chasers for brunch at the ballpark on Father's Day where they could reserve some time on the field to play.

#### <u>Cornbelt Games and Fireworks</u> (Omaha Storm Chasers)

On July 3, 2020, Werner Park hosted two Cornbelt League games followed by an Independence Day Fireworks Show presented by FNBO. 2,400 fans were in attendance for the event.



Papillion High School vs Papillion South High school brought in over 1,050 local fans to Werner Park to support Legion Baseball.

#### NE vs. IA College All-Star Series (Omaha Storm Chasers)

Over four days at Werner Park the Nebraska Collegiate All-Starstook on the Iowa Collegiate All-Stars, bringing in 1,400 fans.

## Papillion Storm Chasers Games (Omaha Storm Chasers)

The little league team, Papillion Storm Chasers, played two games at the ballpark bringing in 550 fans.

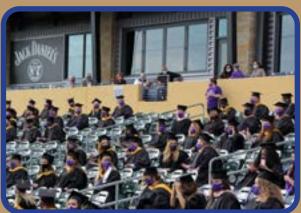
## Bellevue University Graduation (Bellevue University)

Bellevue University held their spring graduation at Werner Park with over 1,120 people in attendance.









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## <u>Chasers Charities Garage Sale and Mystery Ball Auctions</u> (Omaha Storm Chasers)

Chasers Charities held three garage sales and two mystery ball auctions this year; October 25, 2019 raised \$1,344, August 8, 2020 raised \$4,500, and October 2, 2020 raised \$2,100 for a grand total of \$7,964.





## **UFC Fight (Omaha Storm Chasers)**

A UFC fight was shown on the videoboard for over 50 fans with food and beverages available.



### **Bands & Brews (Omaha Storm Chasers)** Over four nights in September and October, local bands performed at Werner Park with happy hour specials sponsored by Werner Enterprises and 1620 the Zone. Over 240 fans attended these events.

#### <u>Centris Family Movie Night</u> (Centris Federal Credit Union)

Centris featured Ferris Bueller's Day Off on the video board at Werner Park on September 18th.



#### **Chasin' Dreams Grant (Chasers Charities)**

Chasers Charities started the Chasin' Dreams Grant to help small non-profits organizations that operate youth programs that are making major renovations. Chasin' Dreams donated \$1,100 to Hillside Little League and \$1,051 to Central Omaha Legion Baseball Association for a total of \$2,151.

#### **Community Parades (Omaha Storm Chasers)**

A front office member drove by community members' houses celebrating their birthdays in the Omaha Storm Chasers truck.

#### Why I Want To Go To College (Nebraska Education Saving Trust)

The Omaha Storm Chasers teamed up with NEST to present the Nebraska Education Savings Trust 17th annual "Why I Want to Go to College" essay contest. Students in 7th and 8th grade both in and outside the state of Nebraska were encouraged to write an essay about why they want to go to college. From the 330 entries, three winners were selected from each of Nebraska's three congressional districts and won a Nest College Savings Plan.

#### Mascot Appearances (Omaha Storm Chasers)

The Omaha Storm Chasers team of mascots, led by Stormy, made 75 appearances in the Omaha Metro and surrounding areas. They attended many charity run/walks, neighbor/community gatherings, and company picnics, as well as being at every Classroom Visit.

