

SPOTLIGHT

DECEMBER 2023



TURN 2 EVENTS

Kalamazoo Central High School Fields Groundbreaking & Ribbon Cutting

This year we proudly unveiled new baseball and softball fields at Kalamazoo Central High School! The fields were completely renovated and reoriented, and feature new seating, new dugouts, and synthetic turf to increase player access. The Turn 2 Foundation funded the project, working closely with The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Kalamazoo Public Schools and Elite Companies to bring the renovations to life.

Over the summer, Sharlee Jeter and Dr. Charles Jeter joined Kalamazoo Public Schools representatives to commemorate the groundbreaking of the renovation, and November 14 marked the official opening of the fields. Derek Jeter and Cal Ripken Jr. joined local students and community

members during a special ribbon cutting ceremony, alongside Sharlee Jeter, Dr. Charles and Mrs. Dorothy Jeter, Jalen Jeter-Martin, Jeter's Leaders, Kalamazoo Central High School Principal Valerie Boggan, Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation President and CEO Steve Salem, and Elite Companies President and CEO Jim Felth.

As a Foundation that is rooted in motivating young people to lead healthy lifestyles, we are very proud to have collaborated with Kalamazoo Public Schools, The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation and Elite Companies on this initiative. The fields will empower young athletes to not only hone their athletic abilities, but to also learn essential values that can be applied well beyond the baseball diamond. ■



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LETTER from the PRESIDENT

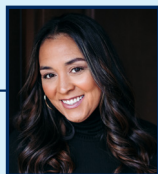


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Dear friends,

As I look back on The Turn 2 Foundation's 27th year and each of the events, programs and activities we've implemented, there is one common thread that unifies the youth we serve - their shared passion and drive to become the best versions of themselves each day while building a better future for our world.

Whether it's making a difference through events like the Jeter's Leaders Leadership Summit; gaining valuable life skills while rounding the bases during our Tampa Baseball Clinic; learning how to care for their mental health through programming offered by our Turn 2 Us initiative in partnership with NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital; or overcoming struggles with substance abuse at the Derek Jeter Center at Phoenix House Florida; our young people are incredibly dedicated to creating positive change - within themselves, their communities, and beyond.

Throughout the year, during milestone events such as the Derek Jeter Invitational, we have the wonderful opportunity to gather with our friends and supporters to celebrate our youth and advance our mission. The support we continue to receive from these events enables us to provide more opportunities for young people to achieve their greatest potential. This past year, we were able to complete the renovation of new baseball and softball fields at Kalamazoo Central High School - a community that means so much to Derek, my parents and me. This project is very close to our hearts, and will create a new space for students to build their confidence, refine their athletic abilities and learn essential values that they can carry with them throughout their lives.

As you read more about our students' achievements and Turn 2's milestones this past year, please know that your support has played an important role in this success. The future is bright for the young people we serve, as they continue to pursue their passions and take their place at the forefront of positive change - and I thank you for investing in them. Together, we can create more opportunities for youth to flourish.

Sincerely,

Sharlee Jeter



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2023 Derek Jeter Invitational

Dozens of stars from the worlds of sports and entertainment gathered in The Bahamas for the Derek Jeter Invitational (DJI) from May 11 - 14, which contributed funds to The Turn 2 Foundation and was held in partnership with Baha Mar and Wagoneer.

The four-day event kicked off with a Welcome Party at Marcus at Baha Mar Fish + Chop House, which was emceed by radio and TV personality, author, and producer Angie Martinez and featured music by legendary, award-winning artist, DJ, and philanthropist D-Nice. During the special event, The Turn 2 Foundation presented a \$50,000 donation to the Baha Mar Resort Foundation to support Baha Mar's projects and investments within the Bahamian community. The two-round celebrity-amateur tournament took place at Baha Mar's Jack Nicklaus signature design 18-hole Royal Blue Golf Course, with day one culminating in a competitive

celebrity shootout. The tournament continued the following day, and after some friendly competition, guests enjoyed the spectacular DJI Gala at The Grand Hyatt Convention Center. The gala, also emceed by Angie Martinez, featured a star-studded red carpet, exciting live auction and an unforgettable musical performance by GRAMMY-nominated rapper, singer, musician, record producer, record executive, and actor Busta Rhymes. During the gala, Wagoneer presented Turn 2 with a donation of \$500,000.

The funds raised during this year's event will enable us to ensure more young people have the tools to dream big, achieve their goals, and ultimately leave their mark on the world. We are grateful to our partners and sponsors including Baha Mar, Wagoneer, Greatness Wins, PATH Water and Rao's, as well as our celebrity guests and all who joined us to make the 2023 DJI an incredibly successful event! ■

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Tampa Baseball Clinic

In March, more than 100 children in Tampa stepped up to the plate during Turn 2's Tampa Baseball Clinic in partnership with the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department. During the free three-day program, local youth learned baseball fundamentals and valuable life skills that they can apply both on and off the field. Throughout the clinic, local coaches taught the children baseball skills such as throwing, hitting, running, catching and fielding techniques, while sharing essential values from Derek Jeter's autobiography, *The Life You Imagine*, which focuses on setting youth on a healthy, successful path. The young athletes also had the opportunity to hear from



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former MLB All-Star Gary Sheffield, who shared his experiences playing baseball and some of the most important lessons he learned throughout his career. Special thank you to the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department for partnering with us, Gary Sheffield for joining us as our guest speaker, and the Police Athletic League for hosting this year's event! ■

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Jeter's Leaders Leadership Summit

From powerful discussions to an impactful community service project, in August the Jeter's Leaders gathered with Derek Jeter and Sharlee Jeter to promote positive change in Atlanta for the 2023 Jeter's Leaders Leadership Summit presented by Goldman Sachs.

The students experienced an exciting tour of the city, and throughout the event, heard from Managing Director of Goldman Sachs Carl Peoples, Civil Rights Activist and Movement Strategist Tylik McMillan, and Jeter's Leaders alumni. They also learned about the importance of giving back and how they can use their voices to stand up for important causes,

during a panel discussion with Derek Jeter; two-time Olympic Gold Medalist, three-time WNBA Champion, Basketball Hall of Famer and Vice President of Basketball Operations & Team Development for the New Orleans Pelicans Swin Cash; and Platinum-selling singer, songwriter and record producer Breland. The panel was moderated by emcee, songwriter, actor and host Torae Carr.

In addition to participating in important discussions, the Jeter's Leaders took action to make a difference by teaming up with Derek, Sharlee and Goldman Sachs Community TeamWorks for a service project in partnership with United Way of Greater Atlanta.

They packaged 750 snack packs - which included STEM enrichment toys and healthy snacks - and 250 backpacks filled with school supplies for students attending Title I Schools in Atlanta. We were excited to have Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens join us for this initiative as well.

Thank you to our guest speakers for sharing invaluable guidance with our students, and to our partners and sponsors - Goldman Sachs, Haddad Brands, GoGo squeeze and RXBAR - for collaborating with us to create an event that will leave a lasting mark on the youth we serve. ■

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TURN 2 PROGRAMS

2023 Jeter's Leaders Graduates

We are thrilled to share that for the 17th consecutive year, 100% of our Jeter's Leaders graduated high school and were accepted into college! We celebrated our New York and Kalamazoo graduates during special ceremonies in the spring, and these young leaders are currently attending some of the top colleges and universities across the country, including University of Michigan, Hampton University and Fordham University, among others. Turn 2 is proud to share that this year's graduating class of Jeter's Leaders received over \$690,000 in total college scholarships!

While we honored our graduates, we also proudly welcomed our newest class of Jeter's Leaders. We are excited to see our alumni continue to pursue their passions and goals, and we're looking forward to the next four years with our new group of Leaders on board. The sky is the limit for these young people! ■

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Derek Jeter Center at Phoenix House Florida

Over the past year, the Derek Jeter Center at Phoenix House Florida has continued to provide tailored programs and treatment plans for youth overcoming struggles with addiction. The Center helps vulnerable teens cope with peer pressure by providing early intervention services and treatment that give them the tools to make healthy decisions. It also provides outpatient (OP) and intensive outpatient (IOP) treatment to youth, with sessions taking place after school hours from one to four days each week. Through these resources, young people have been able to recognize their potential and create paths to brighter futures. After successfully completing their program at the Derek Jeter Center, high school graduates also have the opportunity to apply for college scholarships to build on their success. Administered by the Hillsborough Education Foundation, the scholarship is awarded each year to a graduate who demonstrates academic excellence, participates in extracurricular activities and is active in community service. ■

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DEREK JETER'S
TURN 2 US

NewYork-Presbyterian
Ambulatory Care Network



Our Turn 2 Us program created in partnership with NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital continues to provide vital mental health resources for students, educators and caregivers in New York City. The program offers workshops geared toward mindfulness exercises as well as healthy lifestyles practices that encourage mental well-being and academic success. Turn 2 Us also leads tailored workshops for families and caregivers so they can learn how to effectively communicate. Additionally, the program encourages youth to lead healthy lifestyles, learn teamwork and gain confidence through sports leagues. ■



ABOUT THE TURN 2 FOUNDATION

Since its launch in December 1996, The Turn 2 Foundation has created and supported programs and activities that motivate young people to turn away from drugs and alcohol and "Turn 2" healthy lifestyles. Through various specialized programs and events, the Foundation works with youth in New York City, West Michigan and Tampa, empowering them to reach their full potential. Its signature Jeter's Leaders initiative is a four-year leadership development program that fosters academic achievement, positive behavior and social change among high school students. During its 27-year history, Turn 2 has given back more than \$40 million, funding its signature programs as well as organizations that support its mission.

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