



Roadrunner Little League
10700 Lagrima De Oro Rd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

August 11, 2020

Dear Roadrunner Alumni:

This letter is written on behalf of the Roadrunner Little League (RRL) Board. RRL is reaching out to all former players, coaches, board members, and businesses who have bought banners over the years or have helped RRL grow as a league.

As you can imagine, COVID-19 has hit Little Leagues in NM extremely hard and Roadrunner is no exception. Little League is a non-profit organization. Past and present alumni are extremely proud of our facilities. Roadrunner is considered one of the best Little League facilities in NM and the Southwest United States.

Unfortunately, on March 17, 2020, three days before our Opening Night, we were shut down by COVID-19. We have already lost our Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 seasons. The future, as you know, is far from clear.

Before the shutdown, RRL had a checking balance close to \$30,000 and a savings account of close to \$12,000. COVID-19 soon took aim at all our dreams and hopes for the Spring 2020. Because of the virus, we lost \$45,000 in concession, \$8300 from the Booster Club, \$500 from Picture Donations, and \$500 in T-shirt sales. A loss of \$54,300. That loss was regular season only.

We also lost somewhere between \$15,000 and \$25,000 more in concession revenue because RRL was to host 5 All-Star Tournaments. On top of that, we were fortunate to get the Jr. Girls Softball Regional Tournament which is sponsored, in part, by ESPN, also cancelled. RRL would have been the first Little League in NM to be awarded any Regional Tournament. The best of the best in the Southwest would have had their All-Star Girls at Roadrunner. Teams from Texas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisiana, Colorado, and, of course, New Mexico would have been represented for the 8-day tournament. Last year, we sponsored 4 All-Star Games and made over \$17,000 on concessions alone.

By the time registration begins in January for Spring 2021 season, we will have a starting balance of only \$7,500 compared to \$42,000 in January 2020 and \$33,236 in January 2019. Our current balance is \$20,389, a loss of \$22,000 already. That balance will be down to \$11,359 after we pay our bills through December 2020, with a further drop to the \$7,500 mentioned above by March 2021. Before our 2021 registration begins, we need to come up with \$36,000 in order to open up. We have been turned down for a small business loan.

Because of all these various unexpected life occurrences, we are going to have various fund drives. Unfortunately, most of the money we receive from fund drives comes from Roadrunner parents. Because of this, we would like to humbly ask RRLI alumni if they could find it in their hearts to donate money to the Roadrunner Relief Fund. We realize you owe RRLI nothing. However, in all honesty, we are not sure we can stay afloat without financial help. Of course, any donation to our non-profit organization would be tax deductible.

We realize times are hard for all so, if you are unable to donate, we understand. The size of the donation is unimportant. If we get enough help, we can get through this.

Donations may be sent to:

Roadrunner Little League
Roadrunner Relief Fund
P.O. Box 16115
Albuquerque, NM 87191-1615

Please refer any questions to:

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Sincerely,

John Dellalonga, President
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