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**November 19, 2020**

First and foremost, my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your belief in our mission and goals. Not many organizations will be able to say that 2020 was a banner year, but we will thanks to your wonderful financial support and active participation. We are doing great things for the Tallahassee-Leon Babe Ruth community and I am honored to share this year's accomplishments.

This year for the first time, the TLBR Alumni Foundation made the decision to provide \$500 scholarships to four former players who graduated in 2020. We sent the information through social media and directly to the local high school coaches about this opportunity, and asked that they share with their graduating seniors. Players were asked to complete an application which required information on years played, academic achievements, community service, and an essay sharing what playing in the Babe Ruth league meant to them.

We were happy to receive a good response rate, and it was difficult to narrow the winners down to four. The essays affirmed our pursuit of the TLBR Alumni Foundation mission. Due to the COVID virus, we were unable to host this event in a large venue, but we were able to have a private ceremony with our scholarship winners and their family members. It was very gratifying to all.

The Board opened the nominations for induction into the TLBR Hall of Fame in the spring. We received many great responses to this call. Subsequently, the nominees were sent to our founding members to vote on their top two candidates. After closing the vote in late summer, the tabulations were completed and we had two top candidates: Garrett Blanton and Tom Brown.

In spite of the pandemic, we forged ahead with our annual fundraiser and received overwhelming support from Founding Members, individuals and local businesses. The Golf Tournament was well-attended, competitive and led by former players and Hall of Fame members Reggie Jefferson and Dean Palmer.

The Hall of Fame banquet, catered by Board member Jim Marsh, was a success as an outdoor event and featured fitting tributes to our two new HOF members, Garrett Blanton and the late Tom Brown.

Palmer Williams, a former all-star and coach for TLBR, opened the presentations with a wonderful tribute to Tom Brown. Palmer had played for Coach Brown and had reached out to his daughter to let her know about his induction. Travis Blanton, brother of Garrett and a former player himself, paid tribute to Garrett as only a brother could. Garrett was very thankful for the recognition and did a great job in his acceptance speech.

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In addition, one of our college scholarship recipients, Nick Brady, who is using his scholarship money at nearby Thomas University, was on hand and thanked those gathered for their generosity.

The Hall of Fame banquet was truly a wonderful tribute to both of our newest Hall of Fame inductees. The event was covered by WTXL ABC 27, and the Tallahassee Democrat.

Finally, I want to remind all of our contributors that our foundation has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

My heart is full and grateful for all of your support. Please stay safe and well. Already, I'm looking forward to next year!

Respectfully,

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