

Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum

"Honour Our Past - Ensure Our Future"

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2015 Annual Patron Donor Campaign

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum was formed in 1997 and the first induction dinner was held that year at Brandon University. Since that date and up to and including the 18th induction dinner held on June 7th, 2014 in Morden, 245 individuals, 57 teams and 15 special groups have been recognized for their contribution to both baseball and the communities they represented. The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum, located in the Morden Recreation complex, showcases the inductees and promotes the heritage and history of baseball in Manitoba. Only two other self contained baseball museums exist in Canada, the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in Battleford, Saskatchewan and the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in St. Mary's, Ontario.

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum is operated by a 20 person board of directors and a local museum operating committee, both of which are strictly volunteer organizations. Traditionally the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum primarily relied on the proceeds of the induction banquet to finance the organization and operation of the museum. During the past four years we have augmented our revenue through our Annual Patron Donor Campaign. In 2011 we received \$ 6460 from 101 donors, in 2012 we received \$ 7275 from 106 donors, in 2013 we received \$ 8032 from 97 donors and in 2014 102 donors contributed \$ 7300. These funds have been utilized to upgrade several features of the museum including LED lighting for our display cases, inductee interviews that are available on the website, general improvements to our parade float and other maintenance to ensure that the high standards of our museum are maintained. We have also been able to create some reserve funds for future years when we anticipate lower net revenue from our induction dinners. In 2015 we plan to purchase an electronic display case for our team pictures and to make significant improvements to our website.

The suggested patron donation for the 2015 Campaign will be \$ 50 for an individual and \$ 100 for a corporation or organization but please feel free to donate an additional amount if you wish. Benefits include a receipt for income tax purposes, your name listed on the donor page on our website and the opportunity to support a worthy cause. Donations made in memory of others will also include the name of the individual making the donation. Every person making a donation on or before the annual induction dinner on June 6, 2015 will be eligible to win a baseball theme prize.

We invite all our current supporters, past supporters and all others, including individuals and team members who have been inducted, to support our patron program so that we can continue to operate our museum as a top class flourishing facility. We are proud of the museum and hope you have had a chance to visit.

A donation form is enclosed and can also be found on the Manitoba Hall of Fame web site at www.mbhof.ca Cheques or credit card information along with the completed form may be mailed or e-mailed to our secretary-treasurer, David Olsen, 552 Jubilee Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3L 1P3 (e-mail dholsen@mymts.net).

Thank-you for reading this letter and your interest in the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Morris Mott

Morris Mott
Chairman
Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Board of Directors
Preserving the history and heritage of Baseball in Manitoba