

# NEW! Baseball Outreach Program

Through this spring and early summer, the baseball field at Martin Luther King, Jr Accelerated Learning Academy on the North Side was much more active than it has been in recent years. On Monday nights and Saturday afternoons, the field was used by the 50 youth who participated in the inaugural season of Urban Impact baseball. The baseball program was a joint venture with Brennan Gaertner and the White Fields Foundation.

The youth were divided into three teams based on their age. The teams practiced all season long and played in some scrimmages as the season progressed. Players learned the fundamentals of the game including hitting, base

running, and fielding. Baseball also provided community youth with a positive outdoor activity as the weather began to get warmer.

The baseball program generated plenty of excitement from the youth and the community during the season and Urban Impact plans to continue the program next spring. This year served as a strong foundation for baseball on the North Side of Pittsburgh and we are excited to build on that in the future.

If you are interested in being on the mailing list for next year's program or if you would like to volunteer to help, please call the office and ask for Jason Boll.



The 9-10 year olds team pose with Coach Brennan (center).



DJ waits on first base.



Tyderius waits for a pitch.



Leon delivers a pitch.



The 11-12 year olds huddle up after a game.