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## Cowboy Legends Kick Off Elite Set

United Way has new name for \$25,000 donors

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The United Way's exclusive level of giving has become even more exclusive.

For more than 25 years, donors who give at least \$10,000 annually to the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas have been deemed members of the Ruth Sharp Altshuler Tocqueville Society. At the group's June 5 meeting, United Way officials announced the creation of the Tocqueville Society's \$25,000 Circle.

The new group is being chaired by Dallas Cowboys legends Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman. In fact, Aikman wrote the first \$25,000 check after the circle's creation.

"Roger and [his wife] Marianne have been giving at this level for years,"

*Hockaday graduate's clothing line designed for youngest fashionistas*



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Greenhill graduate Louis Andres high-fives a student at the camp he and his family started at Dave Andres Ballpark in East Dallas.

## Baseball Camp's Popularity Grows

Greenhill team teaches skills to DISD students

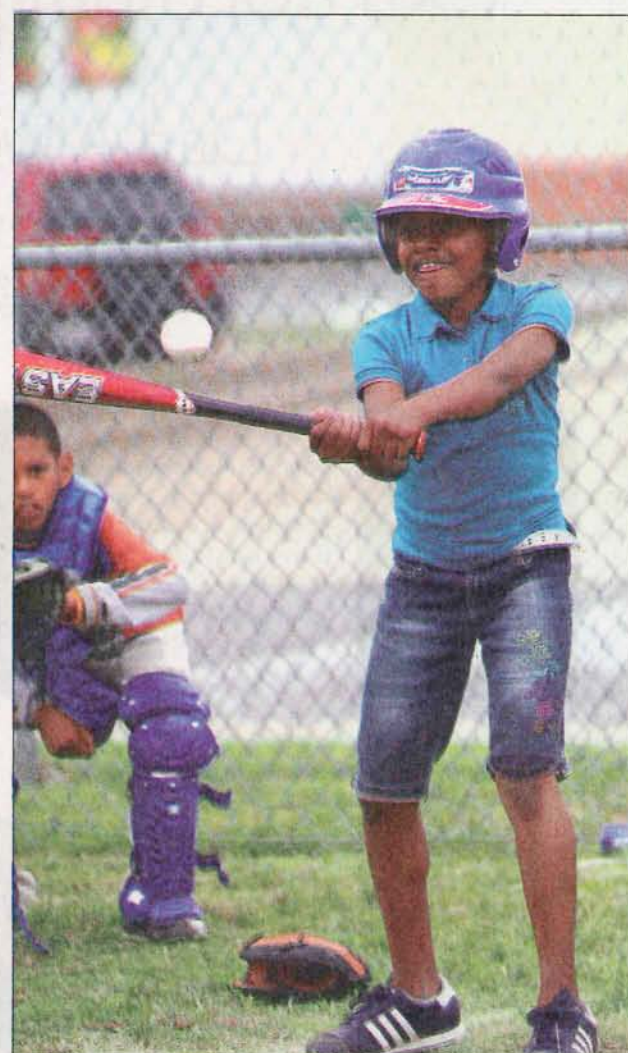
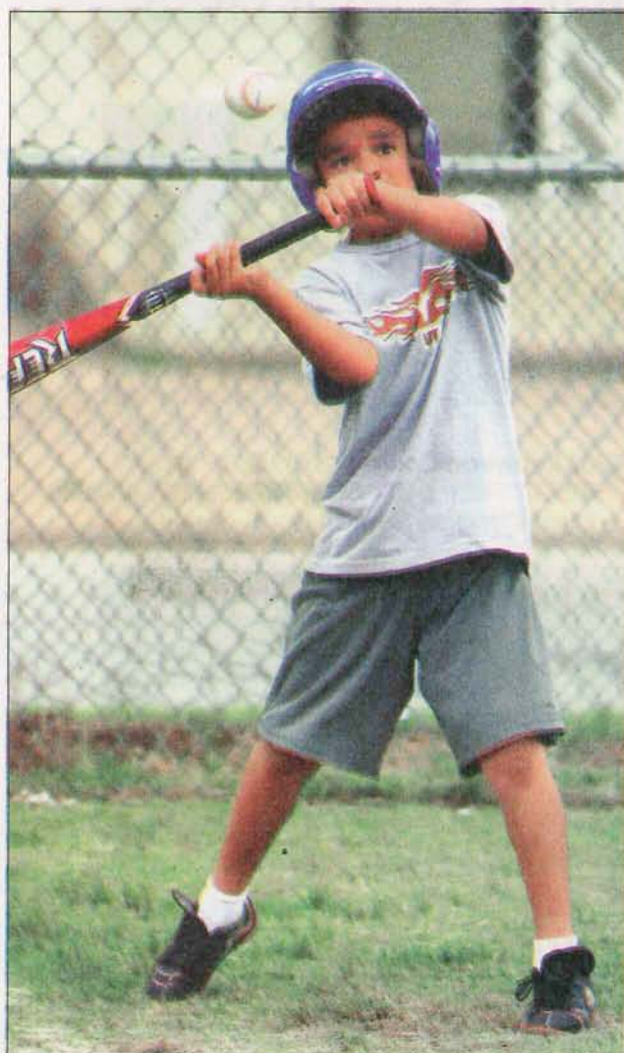
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We're talking Ray-Ray, Lizard Man, and Speed Zone.

And there's a pretty good chance none of the youngsters with those nicknames would be talking baseball — much less playing it — without the Summer Baseball Camp. Now in its fourth year, the free camp for Dallas

ISD students ages 7-11 is the brainchild of Louis Andres, a recent Greenhill graduate, and is supported by donations from the Texas Rangers and Major League Baseball's Junior RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) program. Hornets varsity and junior varsity baseball players conduct the camp, which is now being run by Louis' brother Miles Andres, a rising junior at Greenhill. "At first, I didn't know how to bat, catch, or throw," said Eric "Speed Zone" Huizar, a 12-year-old stu-

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Julian Canales (left) and Raijanae Wilson take swings during a camp offered at Dave Andres Ballpark in Dallas. But baseball wasn't the only activity on the agenda; campers also enjoyed a Slip 'n Slide.

## Camp

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dent at Spence Talented and Gifted Academy. "All of my coaches taught me how to play. I like to make home runs."

The camp, which started as a one-day event, lasted one week in each of the last two years. This year, however, the camp is wrapping up its second week after having 50 campers sign up in the first 48 hours of registration. In addition to playing and learning baseball, the kids watched *The Rookie* and played kickball on a rainy day. On the final day of the first week, they ate hot dogs and played on a Slip 'n Slide.

"These kids are so talented," Louis Andres said. "It means so much that they can get the opportunity to play. We've got one



The Summer Baseball Camp is taught by Greenhill players.

kid we call Big Papi [Jared Macias] who has been here from the beginning and is the most talented kid out here. We've got at least five kids who have been here every year. It's the best when they get excited to come again and they are excited to see us. I always look forward to it through-

out the year."

Not only does the family have a deep-rooted love for the national pastime, which they indulge by traveling to MLB parks across the country each summer, but the camp is also held at Dave Andres Ballpark at the John F. Kennedy Learning Center. The lit-

tle league park is named for the Andres brothers' late grandfather. Former Greenhill student Paul Stanley envisioned building a field in the inner city, but it was the Andreses' father, Marc, who helped raise the money to make the park a reality.

"It's been a great deal for everybody," said Marc Andres, who is a St. Mark's graduate. "I'm not sure who's having more fun — my kids and their friends or the campers."

As evidenced by the number of campers this year, the Summer Baseball Camp has been embraced by the community. Laura Garcia has brought three of her four daughters — Helen (12), Marielena (10), and Lauren (8) — to the camp more than once. Her other daughter, Isabel, is not yet in kindergarten.

But it's a good bet she'll be swinging a bat at the camp in a few years.

"I love the way the guys interact with them," Laura Garcia said. "They're very friendly and are always respectful. They teach the kids a lot. The biggest thing they come away with from this camp is the concept of teamwork — you can't do it by yourself; you've got to work together as a team. They're starting to realize that applies in life, too. They're teaching them about baseball and they're teaching them those skills they can carry over and are not baseball-related."

In addition to donating bats, balls, and helmets, the Rangers also donate hats and ticket vouchers for the kids to watch the big boys play in Arlington.

"It's gotten to the point where they look forward to camp and have really

gotten into baseball," Laura Garcia said. "At any given time, my oldest one will switch the channel to see if the Rangers are on. They've developed a tremendous love for the game. We all watch the games now."

The Andres family is thrilled to see the camp continue to grow. And they would like nothing more than to see it continue to get bigger each year.

"Baseball has always been a passion of mine and of my family's," Miles Andres said. "We all had ample opportunity to go to camps when we were kids. Offering this to kids that otherwise wouldn't have the chance to go to a baseball camp is awesome."

Willie, Mickey, and the Duke would probably agree.

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