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Madisonville baseball field renovated thanks to Walmart *Field dedication scheduled for Oct. 28 at 10 a.m.*

CINCINNATI (Oct. 26, 2009) -- Just a few hours after Cincinnati's newest Walmart opens in Fairfax on Wednesday morning, a newly renovated baseball field will be dedicated just a mile away in Madisonville, thanks to a generous donation from Walmart to the Reds Community Fund.

The baseball field at Anderson Place will be officially dedicated on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009 at 10 a.m., and will be used primarily by the Madisonville Braves youth baseball organization and students from nearby John P. Parker Elementary School.

The field is located at the corner of Chandler Street and Anderson Place, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45227.

In 2009, Walmart donated \$20,000 to support the Reds Community Fund's baseball-themed outreach programs. A portion of the donations have been earmarked for the Anderson Place field renovation.

"Walmart contacted us to find a local baseball field that needed renovations and was close to their new store in Fairfax," said Charley Frank, executive director of the Reds Community Fund. "The Madisonville Braves informed us of the need for renovations at the field, and with the help from a few of our partners, we have been able to get this done very quickly."

In attendance at the dedication will be representatives from the Cincinnati Reds and Reds Community Fund, Walmart regional executives, students from John P. Parker Elementary, Madisonville Braves coaches and Reds mascot Gapper.

The field is maintained by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and represents another meaningful collaboration between the CRC and Reds Community Fund.

The renovation process includes bringing in 50 tons of new dirt and performing a re-grade, or crowning of the infield so rain will run off the field.

The renovations of the field are being completed by Libbee's Landscaping of Williamsburg with materials from Advanced Turf Solutions of Florence and Alvis Materials of Miamitown.

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The Reds Community Fund underwrites more than 300 youth baseball and softball teams annually; has renovated more than 250 baseball fields since 2006; operates the Reds Rookie Success League in Cincinnati, Fairfield, Mason, Dayton and Louisville; and annually reaches more than 30,000 children through its baseball-themed programs. On the web: www.redsyouthbaseball.org