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Adaptive Sports for Children with Disabilities



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**MIRACLE BASEBALL LEAGUE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
SEPTEMBER 14 – OCTOBER 19**

Play ball! The Fall season of the Miracle Baseball League for children with disabilities who reside in Orange County will take place Sundays, September 14 through October 19 from 9am to 12 noon. The games will be held at Veterans Memorial Park, Forester Avenue, Warwick, NY. . The games are being sponsored by *Beautiful People* and co-hosted by the *Orange County Department of Parks and Recreation* and *Inspire, Inc.* Players ages 5-18, as well as volunteers ages 12 and up are wanted. No experience is necessary. Registration is required before the day of the games. Players and volunteers can participate in some or all of the games. Participation is free.

Here's how Miracle Baseball works. Each player is paired with a "buddy", a mainstream youth or adult volunteer, who stays with them as they hit, round the bases, and field the ball. No experience is required of the players or volunteers. A soft t-ball is used and all players in the field and at bat wear helmets that are provided for them. Bats are also provided. Players must bring their own baseball gloves. In Miracle Baseball, everyone plays, everyone hits, everyone wins.

According to Peter Ladka, founder of *Beautiful People*, "The children enjoy themselves tremendously. In addition to having fun, they get the physical, social, and psychological benefits that physical activity and team sports provide. There are several thousand children with disabilities in Orange County. It's important to have as many opportunities for sports participation as possible."

Beautiful People is a non-profit organization based in Warwick and formed in 2007. The organization provides adaptive sports for children with disabilities in Orange County, NY. Mr. Ladka says that in the future, the organization "will be building a customized, rubberized field that will make it easier for children with assistive devices to navigate and enjoy organized sports." Long term goals include expanding to include other team sports, such as soccer, football, and field hockey.

For information or to register, go to www.beautiful-people.us, or contact Jacqueline Rubino at 845-986-5944 or at jrubino@beautiful-people.us.

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