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Hello baseball and softball fans,

Gary Mathews here, you may know me by the nickname "Sarge" or by playing my 16-year MLB career for Philadelphia Phillies, San Francisco Giants, Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs, and Seattle Mariners. I am writing to ask for your support of the Reading Hot Stover's Scholarship Legacy Fund. The Scholarship Legacy Fund was created to help fund college scholarships for Berks County high school baseball and softball players. This year I am pleased to be the Honorary Chairperson of this fund and am inviting you to help make the 2025 campaign a success.

Since 1961 the Reading Hot Stovers, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has been committed to supporting, recognizing, and celebrating Berks County high school baseball players, softball players, and teams. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at our 64th Annual Awards Banquet, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Reading, we will, once again, award multiple college scholarships to Berks County baseball and softball players who excel on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.

As we celebrate our legacy, we would like to invite you to partner with us to create your own legacy. The Reading Hot Stovers is offering the opportunity for you to support Berk County high school baseball and softball student athletes through our Legacy Fund.

Your support of the Reading Hot Stovers Scholarship Legacy Fund will assist the Reading Hot Stovers in providing college scholarships to graduating Berks County high school seniors to help them further their education. You can help create a legacy by donating to the fund. Suggested donations are \$100, \$250 or \$500. In addition, a limited number of Named Scholarship Legacy Fund opportunities are available at the \$1500 level.

All Scholarship Legacy Fund donors will receive special recognition for their generous donation at our Annual Awards Banquet. Named Scholarship Legacy Fund donors will be invited to a private pre-banquet reception with our guest speakers.

As we enter our 65<sup>th</sup> year as a Berks County based non-profit, we would like to thank our supporters who have made it possible for us to award more than \$225,000 in scholarships. We are proud to support student athletes as they pursue their dreams. We appreciate your consideration of this opportunity to make a difference in the life of a Berks County student athlete.

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Sincerely,

Gary "Sarge" Mathews

Honorary Chairperson, Reading Hot Stovers Scholarship Legacy Fund, 2025

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