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Cropdusters CARES Community Giving Program Kicks Off 2025 Baseball Season

Olney, Maryland - <u>The Olney Boys and Girls Sports Association</u> (OBGC) leadership is pleased to announce it has launched the **Cropdusters CARES** program through its Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League baseball team, <u>Cropdusters Baseball</u>.



The Cropdusters CARES program stands for Community, Appreciation, Responsibility, Engagement, and Support, and has been established to raise awareness and help elevate other nonprofits in the local community.

"We have thousands of fans who visit our home games during our summer season each year, and we are

committed to helping them learn more about greater Olney area nonprofits and their missions to improve our region," said Brad Scott, Executive Director, Olney Boys and Girls Sports Association.

The 2025 Cropdusters CARES partners include <u>Olney HELP</u> and <u>Knine Rescue</u>. Olney HELP has been providing food and financial assistance to local Olney, Maryland, area families since 1969. *Knine Rescue* is dedicated to animal care and protection and assists shelters and other rescues (both in the local community and beyond) by finding loving, forever homes for neglected, abandoned, and homeless animals.

Olney HELP will be featured at the **Thursday**, **June 26**, **2025**, **6**:30 p.m. home game vs. the Gaithersburg Giants game at the First Responder Field at ServPro stadium. Fans who attend are asked to donate canned goods and nonperishable food items. There will be collection bins, an *Olney HELP* table with brochures and information, and Jacqui Vok, the Executive Director, will throw out the first pitch. Interestingly, her son played with the Cropdusters Baseball team for two years.



Knine Rescue will be featured, along with dogs who will be up for adoption, at the **Saturday**, **June 28**, **2025**, **6:30** p.m. home game vs. the Southern Maryland Senators. Emily Cavey and Rachel Rosen of *Knine Rescue* will have a promotional table and collection bins for Cropduster fans to bring donated animal items. They will also be interviewed by Cropdusters Announcer, Kevin Ruth.

See the full Cropdusters baseball <u>team roster</u>, schedule and ticket sales <u>here</u>. Children under 12 can attend for free with an adult.

Contact Josey Padlan Simpson, <u>sponsorship@cropdustersbaseball.com</u> or 301-570-7049, for more information about partnering with the Cropdusters CARES program.

About The Olney Boys and Girls Club (OBGC)

Founded in 1969, the Olney Boys and Girls Community Sports Association (OBGC) is a volunteer-based, non-profit that provides children of all ages with structured & safe sports programs that emphasize physical, social, and emotional development. Offering both recreational and competitive opportunities across a spectrum of sports, OBGC helps kids to build confidence, self-esteem and leadership while striving to cultivate a lifelong interest in sports, health, and teamwork. For more information about OBGC, visit <u>www.OBGC.com</u> and follow the organization on <u>X</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, or <u>Facebook</u>.

About Cropdusters Baseball

Cropdusters Baseball is a 501(c)3 collegiate-level baseball organization formed in 2021. The OBGC home team competes in the Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League, and is dedicated to creating lifelong bonds and memories for players, families, and the community. Visit <u>www.cropdustersbaseball.com</u> for the summer schedule and tickets, and actively follow the organization on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

