

Join the Team!



Sixty one years I've been in baseball. I've played and worked with some of the all-time legends, like Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams and Dave Winfield. Right near the top of that list was Jackie Robinson, who not only broke records, he shattered the barriers. He not only made a big difference in the game, he forever changed baseball. Jackie led, so that players like Satchel Paige, Willie Mays and Hank Aaron could follow. But Jackie's contribution shouldn't be measured on his batting average. It's much bigger than that. Jackie wanted to make a difference in the lives of at-risk kids—with mentoring programs and scholarships for deserving youth.

Join me as we fight that good fight - to give a better future to our kids. When it comes to our kids, we all have to pitch in.

Jerry Coleman
2005 National Baseball Hall of Fame
San Diego Padres Hall of Fame



I am all about giving kids a chance to beat the odds and leave their own legacy. The Jackie Robinson YMCA has been doing this every day for the past seventy years. I believe that the kids that are successful and the ones that make it they leave the legacy by them achieving what they achieve in life and we will find out five, ten, fifteen years down the line when these kids start giving back to their communities because they remember how they got to where they are right now. Imagine what a new Y in its current location will do to help kids join teams, not gangs.

Marshall Faulk
Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2011
San Diego Chargers Hall of Fame
College Football Hall of Fame, 2003



I would have never have received an opportunity in baseball if Jackie Robinson hadn't played well and handled himself in the proper manner. Without Jackie, there would not be me. I always try to take his way and apply it to what I do. I think about Jackie all the time and ask myself, "What would he have done?" He proves the value in thinking things through. You can't just react. You must look at both sides of any situation and appreciate the other person's perspective. My wife Alicia and I have been longtime supporters of the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA. Jackie said, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." At this Y, they are making an impact where it is needed the most.

Tony Gwynn
2007 National Baseball Hall of Fame
San Diego Padres Hall of Fame



Every day my wife and I feel blessed to wake up in the life we have, and it has nothing to do with fame or fortune. It has to do with the togetherness we've built with family, friends and everybody we meet. I feel that we have a W in the game of life. Success can happen for anybody with any background if you plan, pursue, and persevere just like the Safe At Home Capital Campaign. The Jackie Robinson YMCA is a great team that is earning a W in the game of life, and by being Awesome, Baby, with a Capital A!

Dick Vitale
2008 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame
2012 National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame



Now it's time for me to help other people with their dreams. Giving back is an important part of that. Our responsibility to the next generation our duty to leave this world a better place for our children and theirs. I care about the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA. I played there as a kid and my kids can say the same. I care about San Diego. That's why I'm involved. You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you. Don't measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by what you should have accomplished with your ability.

Bill Walton
1993 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame
San Diego Breitbard Sports Hall of Fame



I came to San Diego and the Padres in 1973, and early on I sought out the organization that best put forth efforts that supported youth and the community. I immediately found that to be the Jackie Robinson YMCA. Since then they continuously show dedication, heart and excellence in reaching and impacting all they serve. I've worked with and supported their efforts personally through my foundation and through the Padres organization for nearly 40 years. That alone could say it all, but certainly the Jackie Robinson YMCA is a great team to be a part of.

Dave Winfield
2001 National Baseball Hall of Fame
San Diego Padres Hall of Fame



There is no greater honor than to be of service to others. For years the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA has provided educational and recreational services to a unique and diverse community in San Diego. I have witnessed the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA grow into an integral and vital part of the community. The Safe at Home Capital Campaign is the next step in providing even greater facilities and services to families of Southeast San Diego. I am honored to serve as a member of the Safe at Home Capital Campaign Hall of Fame Cabinet. Please join me and my fellow Members of the Hall of Fame Cabinet.

Kellen Winslow
Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 1995
San Diego Chargers Hall of Fame
College Football Hall of Fame, 2003

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