

Rialto Little Leagues Get Big Donation

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Jul. 6--RIALTO -- Based on a 40-hour work week, Los Angeles Dodger Manny Ramirez makes about \$12,000 an hour.

Divide that in two and you get the amount of money it takes to supply three youth baseball leagues with new bats, helmets and other equipment needed to play ball.

Rentech, a Los Angeles- based clean-energy company with plans to build a synthetic fuels and electric power center here on Monday will present \$2,000 checks to Rialto Eastern, North Rialto and Rialto Park Little Leagues.

Company officials decided to donate the money after watching a national news broadcast about the leagues' struggles.

With sponsorships down and many families unable to pay registration fees, the leagues had difficulty buying things like bases, banners and chalk.

Updated equipment translates into better safety for players, said Holly Guerrero, president of the Rialto Park Little League.

"With Little League, they requested to have breakaway bases, and each set is \$200 to \$300, and we're trying to raise money for a batting cage instead of having (the players) out in the open where it's unsafe," Guerrero said.

The check presentation will take place at 5 p.m. at Frisbie Park, before the start of the District 21 All Stars Tournament.

The park is at 1901 N. Acacia Ave.

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