Dear Friend,

As you may know, I am a student-athlete on the baseball team at the University of Pikeville. Achieving my dream of playing college baseball means so much to me. This semester our team has begun daily workouts and practice, while we are also working diligently in the classroom. Last year the team won 21 games; the most since the 2001 season. With hard work, I believe our team can achieve even more this season.

Through fundraising efforts our team has been able to check the following items off our list. These improvements would not have been possible without support from individuals, like you.

- **Sound System** – provides professional sound quality … the same speaker system that is used at Bristol Speedway
- **Turf Halo** – turf around home plate
- **Shed** – storage for our mowers and 4-wheeler
- **Helmet & Bat Racks** – placed in the dugouts
- **Zero Turn Mower** – helps us be efficient in maintaining upkeep to the outfield
- **Clubhouse** – furnished new couch set, TV and provided branding for the walls
- **Professional Greens Mower** – helps us be efficient in maintaining upkeep to the infield
- **Renovate the Outfield** – this would include an irrigation system, level the outfield, seed with Bermuda grass and work on the drainage ($20,000)
- **Outdoor Hitting Facility With Roof** – this would allow us to hit rain, shine or snow ($25,000)
- **Grandstand** – more aesthetically pleasing, tear down chain back stop and build a wall behind home plate ($60,000)
- **Lights on the field** – this would help with practice and games ($350,000)

This season we are hosting another fundraiser and need your help to make the vision we have for our field a reality. The following are a few projects we are working toward:

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Please help support our team with a tax-deductible donation of $50, $100 or more. Your financial support will help us get closer to our goal. Without your generosity, it would not be possible.

I know that being a part of this team is preparing me for my future. My team and I proudly represent UPIKE and believe that the athletic department here at the university creates a supportive environment for our team to succeed. I would also like to invite you to come to one of our games. The full schedule will be online soon at upikebears.com.

GO BEARS!

**Erik Manning**

P.S. Thank you for your consideration!

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**Three ways to sponsor the Baseball Team**

- **Website** Credit Card (Visa, Discover, MasterCard) https://onlinegiving.upike.edu/
- **Phone** 606-218-5949 Monday – Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. EST
- **Mail** Checks Payable: University of Pikeville - Office of Advancement, 147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501

Please include **UPIKE Baseball Sponsor** on memo line

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**2014 Awards**

**Second-Team All Mid-South Conference**
- Cody Chagnon- Catcher (Oregon)
- Simon Beeson- Outfielder (Missouri)
- Cody Clark- Pitcher (Kentucky)
- Chaz Contreras- Infielder (Arizona)
- Keenen Freitag- Outfielder (Kentucky)
- Corey Gilligan- Pitcher/Outfielder (Nevada)
- Sean Ryan- Catcher (California)
- Scottie Whitaker- Outfielder (Kentucky)
- Nicolas Gonzalez-Infielder (California)
- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete
  - Chaz Contreras- Infielder (Arizona)