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The Miracle League of Alexandria *Sincerely Thanks...*

To **Loey Seligman** for establishing the fund, the **Jessell Family (Sheri, Mark, Robert) & Howie Seligman** for their generous donation to our MLA players, families and citizens of Alexandria

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To Donnie Simpson - Simpson Development for his generous donated time, support and materials for the scoreboard installation and to Robert Starling for overseeing this project

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To City of Alexandria Mayor, City Council Members & City Manager, Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Staff, Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center Staff & Therapeutic Recreation Staff & ACPS Office of Inclusion for their continuous support

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To our Miracle League Alexandria Players, Families, Board Members, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, our "Angels in the Outfield" Volunteers, our players and parents who are the heart of our program

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To Steve Muh, Ethan Lichvar & Jason Book of NEVCO Scores, LLC for their support and training

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To Alexandria City High School Volleyball Teams for their continuous volunteer support. Go Titans!

Jessell Family

Welcome to the Miracle League of Alexandria Family and for *Making Our Dreams Come True!*



DEDICATION OF NEW LED VIDEO SCOREBOARD

In Honor of Dan Jessell & Loey Seligman



Saturday, September 7, 2024

1 pm



Kelley Cares Miracle Field



Lee Center - 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

(Inclement Weather Site) – Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center (Across from Field)

The Jessell Family & Miracle League of Alexandria Honor the Memory of...

*Lois "Loey" Seligman succumbed to cancer in 2020, but before she died she set aside money with the stipulation that it be donated to a good cause in memory of her nephew **Dan Jessell**, who had died two years earlier at the age of 21. The family looked for a cause that best exemplified her life-long dedication to young people and reflected her and Dan's unfailing thoughtfulness and kindness. The Miracle League of Alexandria fit the bill.*

Dan Jessell

Dan would have loved to be with us today. He loved baseball. He started playing as soon as could lift a bat and didn't stop until a recurring foot injury sidelined him in high school. As a ballplayer, he epitomized scrappy. He'd do anything to get on base, squaring to bunt on a 3-1 count in hopes of rattling the pitcher or leaning into an inside pitch. What's a bruised arm if you could get to first and maybe steal second?

He and his brother Robert also excelled at the virtual game, too, playing countless innings of the popular Backyard Baseball video game. When he was nine, Dan's team ended the long season with a tough loss. On the way home, he started tearing up. His Dad tried to console him, explaining that losing was part of the game, that you can't win 'em all. "That's not it," Dan said. "Season's over. I don't get to play baseball anymore."

Lois "Loey" Seligman

Lois, who lived her whole life on the North Shore of Massachusetts, was a huge fan of the Red Sox, suffering through the many, many lows before rejoicing in their three recent World Series titles. But it wasn't baseball that mattered most. It was her beloved husband Howie and other family, friends and the long line of young people who passed through her middle school math classes over her 35-year teaching career. She taught with joy, affection and a determination to leave no one behind. "There was rarely a day when you couldn't be found explaining some algebraic concept to a befuddled 7th or 8th grader, before and after school," recalled a colleague upon her retirement.

Lois's large and generous spirit was evident in how she attracted and maintained a wide circle of friends, doted on nephews Dan and Robert, supported her little sister Sheri through trying times and took responsibility for her parents in their final years.

Also telling were the greeting cards she sent loved ones without fail on birthdays, Hanukkah, anniversaries, graduations, even Valentine's Day. The cards were reminders of her affection, and they marked the milestones of life – **sort of how a scoreboard keeps track of a ballgame.**



Order of Program

Welcome

Parade of Players

Introduction of Special Guest

National Anthem

Dedication

The Unveiling

Throwing Out First Pitch

Group Pictures

Play Ball!!!



Following the Game, Food Will Be Served By Our Partners & Friends of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Tours Available of Sensory Room, Sensory Mobile Unit, Building Mural and Adaptive Playground