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Council Member Says Miracle League Bid Worthy of Support

Alderman Robert W. Puente urges citizens to cast votes for children's baseball project

The effort to construct a facility and create a universally-accessible baseball league for children with physical or mental disabilities would be a home run for the children and the city, and Milwaukee Alderman Robert W. Puente is asking residents to take a moment to vote for it.

As part of the **Pepsi Refresh Project**, 15 Major League Baseball teams – including the Milwaukee Brewers – presented a proposed community project for fans to vote for in hopes of snagging a \$200,000 grant. Last year a group was formed in Milwaukee to help establish an organized, non-competitive Miracle League for children between the ages of 4 and 19 with physical or mental disabilities. The Milwaukee Brewers have chosen the Milwaukee Miracle League as their community project.

If the effort is successful, a Miracle League baseball field would be built at the **John C. Cudahy YMCA**, located at 9050 N. Swan Rd. in Alderman Puente's 9th Aldermanic District.

"All of our children in the community deserve a chance to be a part of America's favorite pastime, and to play on the diamond as part of a team," Alderman Puente said.

"Please, voting for the Miracle League in Milwaukee just takes a few seconds, and your vote can help a kid store a lifetime of fun memories and good times," he said.

People looking to vote for the Miracle League of Milwaukee have until August 17 at 10:59 p.m. central time to cast their votes. Voters should go to <http://mlb.mlb.com/sponsors/pepsi/refresh/y2010/?team=mil> to cast their votes.

Fans can also text by typing "Brewers" to 76462.

The Brewers said in a statement issued earlier this week that the Miracle League would fill an important role in the area "by providing a recreational opportunity for youth with special needs and their families."