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SANDLOTT Sports President Mickey Hiter founded SANDLOTT Baseball in 1999. Mickey's drive and passion for youth amateur baseball has made SANDLOTT one of the top sanctions in the United States and his World Championships are among the most premier and sought after events in the country. Mickey's mission through SANDLOTT is "To provide and maintain world-class youth-baseball & softball facilities in Nashville, Tennessee, to host premiere competitive leagues, tournaments, and showcases at those facilities, bringing tourism spending to the Nashville area, and to provide youth teams and their players with opportunities to showcase their talents for recruitment to play at the next level."

Mickey is proud to announce a new vision for SANDLOTT, to be called SANDLOTT Sports, now providing both elite youth baseball and fastpitch girl's softball. Along with this expansion he has brought on two new members to the SANDLOTT team: Softball Commissioner Meredith Scott, and Vice President of Business Development, and son, Nick Hiter. SANDLOTT Softball will now host leagues, World Championships, and an annual player showcase as done by SANDLOTT Baseball.

"I am excited at the prospect to be able to assist these young lady softball players to the next level of play as we have successfully done over the last 15 years for young baseball players. Nashville's baseball has always been a fabric of Nashville's unique culture and tradition, and one that I am proud to be associated. Softball seems to be a natural progression." -SANDLOTT Sports Founder & President - Mickey Hiter

One of the main components to fuel the fire in his new vision is the expansion to The Old Timer's Baseball Complex in Shelby Park. In 2010,

Mickey started working with Nashville Metro Parks to add a second baseball field to The Old Timer's Complex at Shelby Park. In the fall of 2012, Metro Parks and the Old Timers Baseball Association entered an agreement to build a sister field, and the vision became a reality and construction began. Davidson County Sheriff Deron Hall is assisting providing labor for much of the project saving thousands of dollars. The new field will be completed in the fall of 2013. 2014 marks two very important dates for Middle Tennessee baseball, the first being the 100-year anniversary of baseball at Shelby Park. Home plate stands within six feet of its original spot. The second being the first game on the newly completed second field, truly completing the Old Timer's Baseball "Complex". "We plan to have an event to signify both of these important dates for the park so stay tuned and make plans to attend."

After all is said and done SANDLOTT and The Old Timer's Baseball Association's upgrades and renovations to the complex will total over \$750,000, and no one can forget the devastating flood of 2010, with it's 15 feet of water on top of the beautiful complex.

"The Old Timer's Baseball Complex has enjoyed countless supporters over the years both big and small, and we just couldn't exist without them. These supporters and lovers of baseball in Middle Tennessee are absolutely incredible, and they amaze me more and more every single year." SANDLOTT Sports Founder & President - Mickey Hiter