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## Senior Vets teaching young Vets how to give back to the community

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Last year the Veterans (more fondly known as the Vets), a senior recreational baseball team from the Montreal Urban Community Senior Lakeshore Baseball league, decided to adopt a minor league B team in the Lakeshore Baseball Association. The idea was to provide these boys, regardless of their level of play, with the kind of experience normally reserved for A or double letter teams. Fourteen players were randomly selected by Lakeshore Baseball Association, the senior Vets provided a full coaching staff and MUCSLB provided the uniforms. This pilot project was a complete success! Bantam boys learned the fundamentals of baseball coupled with a deep love of the game from a dedicated staff of volunteers.



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This year, the project continued as the senior Vets elected to coach a Midget B team from Lakeshore. This weekend some teams from Lakeshore Baseball and MUCSLB will showcase baseball in the annual Sian Bradwell Softball Tournament Fundraiser for children with cancer. This is the 1st time that baseball has ever participated. (For more info on this event go to [www.sianbradwell.com](http://www.sianbradwell.com).) The Senior Vets team will partner with their Midget B Vets team and go head to head with the Jays this coming Saturday at Parc Des Benevoles, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The senior Vets partnered with the Midget Vets to form one team for this special event. Patrick Legault is the coach of the Midget Vets team and pitcher on the Senior Vets. Makis Porazzo is the 3rd baseman for the Miget team. Andrew Fogarty is a pitcher and 1st baseman. Daniel Gagnon is a pitcher and 3rd baseman. Nick Patel is our center fielder. Stephen Croucher is a cancer survivor and plays on the opposing Lakeshore Red Sox team. We brought him out as an honorary Vet for this occasion. The Jays player is former Jean-Mathieu Maurice, present member of MUCSLB and a player who came out of the Lakeshore Baseball Minor league system.

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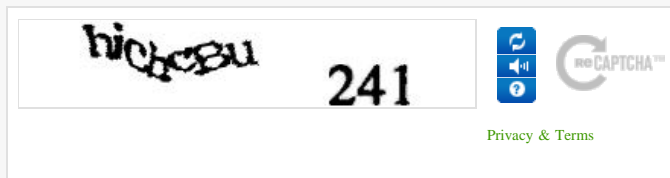
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