WHAT A SUMMER!

The long, sunny days of summer are the best days at DREAM. This season was busy, exciting, and rewarding as our youth practiced drills, celebrated graduations, and cheered at the championship game. And that’s not all. In the classroom, our kids spent time reading, writing, and learning every day. **Thanks to you,** they’ve hit the ground running this school year.

Let’s look at the DREAMS you helped realize this summer.

**Grades K-5**

**REAL KIDS**

REAL Kids is DREAM’s award winning summer program for kids grades K-5. They spend time in the classrooms improving their reading levels while building social and emotional skills on the field.

99.7% of REAL Kids maintained or improved their reading levels and avoided summer learning loss!

“**I APPRECIATE ALL THE YEARS MY SON HAS PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROGRAM. I THANK ALL THE STAFF FOR WHAT THEY’RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WITH OUR YOUTH.**” - REAL KIDS PARENT

**NEWARK SUMMER SNAPSHOT**

This year, we opened our doors in Newark for the very first time. It’s only the beginning, but we’re already making big strides in our new home. **Check us out:**

- **70** REAL Kids in kindergarten and first grade
- **2,858 hours** reading and writing in the classroom
- **4,287 hours** throwing, catching, and hitting on the field
- **1,429 hours** developing social emotional competencies with caring coaches and peers
- **95% of families** were satisfied with their overall experience with REAL Kids
- **94% of kids** LOVED coming every day!
When Bill moved to New York, he was eager to get involved with his community and play the game he loved. A college ball player himself, he began volunteering at baseball tournaments. That’s when he first met DREAM.

Bill started as the Eagles’ head coach when his boys were in sixth grade. He’s been with the same team for the past four years. Over that time, he’s witnessed the boys grow from young kids hoping to hit homers, into ambitious leaders ready to take on anything--even high school.

“I often hear them being as competitive with grades as they are with fielding ground balls!”

Bill wanted to get even closer to our work. So in 2016, he joined our young professional board, the All-Star committee, to be involved with DREAM year-round. As a member, Bill helps plan our fundraiser for young professionals, participates in interview workshops with our youth, and weighs in on key organizational decisions.

The incredible commitment from Bill and friends like you is what helps develop our young people into leaders and champions year after year. There’s more to be done and we hope to continue partnering with you.

“DREAM HAS BEEN A GREAT PROGRAM FOR MY CHILD OVER THE YEARS. THE STAFF IS EXCELLENT! IT’S A FREE PROGRAM THAT OFFERS A LOT TO YOUTH THAT MONEY CAN’T BUY!” - TEAM ENRICHMENT PARENT