What a Summer!

Icees by the field, music playing from parked cars and constant cheering from the bleachers. Those are the sweet summer moments at Harlem RBI. But in addition to having a blast on the ball field, every single girl and boy at Harlem RBI made extraordinary gains academically, physically and emotionally, thanks to YOU. See below for the real impact you made in the lives of our kids in East Harlem and the South Bronx.

REAL KIDS (Grades K-5)

868 REAL Kids each spent a total of 72 hours reading, writing and working in the classroom, and 84 hours throwing, catching and hitting on the field.

- 99% of REAL Kids avoided summer learning loss, a common setback in low-income communities.
- 97% of families are happy with REAL Kids summer program.
- 96% of families believe that REAL Kids keeps their child healthy and fit.
Joe Wladyka grew up a life-long baseball fan. When he heard about Harlem RBI’s transformative work with inner-city youth through baseball and softball, he immediately joined the All-Star Committee, our young professionals board.

Soon after, Joe stepped up to the plate again and became a team sponsor. At Harlem RBI, team sponsors make the playing possible, by providing our youth with uniforms and equipment, covering their travel expenses and more. For four years, Joe has been cheering on the second grade “86ers” also known as the Tainos.

This summer, the Tainos played with passion and dedication and made it all the way to the championship. At the final game, Joe’s team knew what to do. On a hot summer afternoon, the Tainos fought hard and beat the Gigantes 6-3!

We know that these successes, both on and off the field, would not be possible without passionate and dedicated supporters. In the classroom, 100% of the Tainos maintained or exceeded their reading level goals over the summer!

Thanks to Joe and all of you, our boys and girls can experience the sweet taste of winning.

**MEET AN ALL-STAR**

Joe Wladyka

“The best part of the program was when we wrote our first college paper in English class and I was able to see my own level of academic preparedness. If it wasn’t for the guidance and support I got from this program, I don’t think I would have been able to be so successful in my college journey.” — Jasmine Mille

Team Enrichment (Grades 6-12) Rising freshmen in high school and college participated in separate 6-week immersive summer bridge programs. High school students attended Summer Academy to prep for college applications and tests.

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89% of eighth graders matriculated to college and career ready high schools.

100% of seniors graduated high school and 97% matriculated to college.