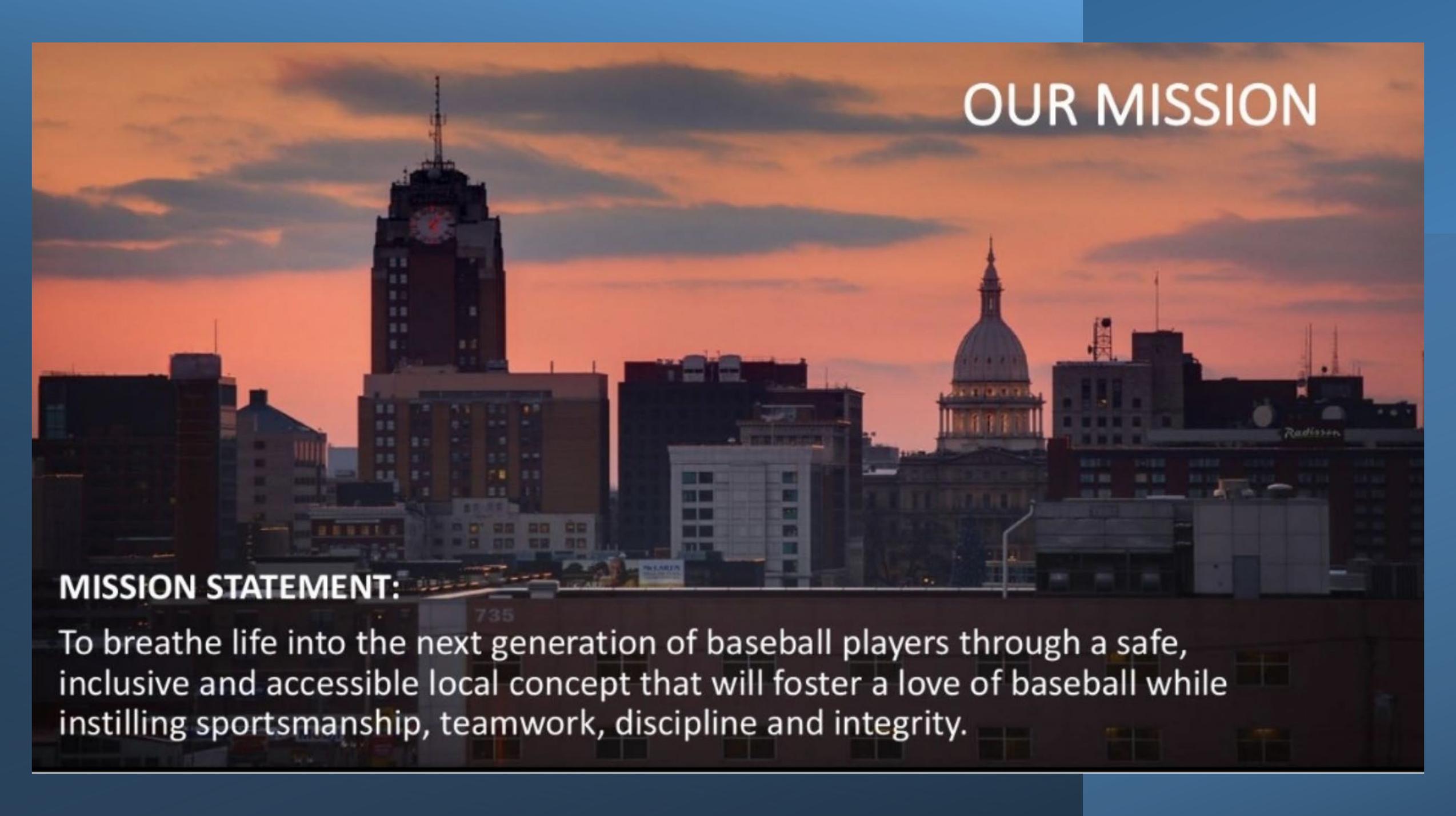


**JOHN SMOLTZ  
STRIKEOUT BASEBALL  
STADIUM**

*A Field  
Full of Dreams*



A photograph of a city skyline at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue. In the foreground, there are several buildings, including a prominent one with a clock tower on the left and a large domed building (the state capitol) in the center-right. The text 'OUR MISSION' is overlaid in the top right corner.

# OUR MISSION

## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To breathe life into the next generation of baseball players through a safe, inclusive and accessible local concept that will foster a love of baseball while instilling sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline and integrity.



# WHAT IS STRIKEOUT BASEBALL

**Strikeout Baseball** is a conceptual baseball facility that allows players to pitch, hit and field in a miniature stadium environment. Games can be played with 2 up to 10 players.



# THE IMPORTANCE GROWING OUR NATIONAL PASTIME

In recent years, baseball has had a declining interest at the municipal and travel levels. With the rising costs to play organized baseball, many of our youth are forced out or simply do not have the skillset that these levels demand.

The growing popularity of computers and video games, have played a significant role in the declining number of kids playing baseball. We believe that **Strikeout Baseball** becomes a venue to spark an interest in future generations of aspiring ball players.

Imagine the power of young people playing on a field full of dreams, while growing our...

National Pastime!



# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

With full support from the City of Lansing, **Strikeout Baseball** has been allocated the property for development at Ferris Park.

The Lansing Parks and Recreation Department has agreed to maintain the structure once built as part of the existing park system in Lansing.



# Support from City of Lansing



Dear Mr. Lazaros:

Thank you for your follow-up regarding the proposed Strikeout Baseball Project at Ferris Park. I appreciate your enthusiasm for this project and do believe it would be an asset to the community. We previously explored this idea with the neighborhood, and they had voiced support for the project, especially after seeing the positive impact Beacon Field has had. We see this as another great opportunity to offer a unique facility to engage youth and adults in outdoor recreational activities.

The City of Lansing and Lansing Parks Department is in full support of your efforts and grants permission for the use of Ferris Park. We also support your efforts to seek additional resources and initiate fundraising to underwrite the cost of the project.

The city is fiscally obligated to the citizens of Lansing to use Parks millage funds to support the current infrastructure and support existing programs. As a result, we currently lack the funding to invest in this project, but we will be happy to provide letters of support for any grants or other financial support you may seek.

Again, I appreciate your enthusiasm and look forward to hearing back from you on your progress on funding this project.

Sincerely,

Andy Schor  
Mayor of Lansing





**“I think Strikeout Baseball is something that will reinvigorate young people’s interest in this great game of baseball”.**

**John Smoltz, MLB Hall of Famer**





## **A 501c3 Charitable Contribution**

**We are excited to discuss and gain the interest of some of the area's most distinguished and recognizable companies that support many of our great community causes.**





# BENEFITS OF STRIKEOUT BASEBALL

With less than 20% of boys and girls involved in playing baseball or softball, **Strikeout Baseball** creates an opportunity to get our local youth active in the game.

Team sports give youth the experiences and skills needed as an adult. Other sports like soccer and lacrosse have become more accessible and therefore more of our youth have found these opportunities.



# LOCATION

**Strikeout Baseball** is the first of its kind stadium and will be built in the shadow of Michigan's Capital building. Located in the heart of the downtown Lansing district, **Strikeout Baseball** takes the concept and venue right to the kids and neighborhoods that need it most.

**The power of a child's dream can never be overstated.  
Let the games begin and the dreams never end!**





# INFLUENTIAL SUPPORT

- With the involvement and support of Lansing's own MLB Hall of Famer John Smoltz, we will be honoring his roots in Lansing as well as his accomplishments in Major League Baseball. It is his vision and understanding of what **Strikeout Baseball** can become that has brought energy and promise to the City of Lansing!
- Another ex MLB'er Mickey Lolich, also played **Strikeout Baseball** as a kid growing up in Oregon. Mr. Lolich makes a statement acknowledging the value of playing this game: "I tell a lot of people this is the game I credit for becoming a MLB player".
- In sharing the vision of **Strikeout Baseball**, here is some feedback from another true visionary and prominent figure: "I do think you have a very interesting concept and perhaps there will be a right place and a right time to make it a reality. Baseball needs people who truly love the game and I encourage you to never give up on your dreams".  
*-Mike Ilitch, Founder of Little Caesars.*



**DONATE NOW...and let the DREAMS BEGIN!**

**Let your contribution assure that the dreams of Lansing's youth are alive and well.**

**All donations can be made to the Strikeout Baseball 501c3 Foundation.**

# THE IMPACT OF STRIKEOUT BASEBALL

We believe that **Strikeout Baseball** will become a new way for kids to get involved with baseball at an early age.

The excitement **Strikeout Baseball** brings to kids and neighborhoods will become contagious in helping to keep our younger generation active while developing the love for the amazing game we call... Baseball!





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