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IT'S A MIRACLE LEAGUE

One night five years ago, a segment on HBO's "Real Sports" focused on disabled children playing baseball. St. Petersburg resident George Stone happened to be watching. It triggered in his mind that something like this should be in St. Pete. Stone made phone calls and through private donors and a few corporations, The Miracle League was formed in March 2006.



Stanley M. White Memorial Complex, home of the Aridlez Little League. The Miracle League also has their own soft clay field on its complex.



On this beautiful February day in Florida, the Miracle League held their registration day and with help from the NY Yankees, the day was a success. Chief of Police



David Romine made a call to Yankees Sr. Vice President Felix Lopez who in turn contacted Community Relations Advisor Ray Negron which led to the Yankees representation.

Yankees legend and Tampa resident Tino Martinez, along with the Yankees Mascot made their way to the



The \$300,000 home was created through donations. Martinez took his position at first base to join in the fun. He later mingled with the children and even signed autographs as he stayed till the very end. "Awesome" is how he described what he was seeing. Martinez also viewed the "Real Sports" program and was awed to be here. He was overly impressed with the kid's determination and talent being displayed. Martinez was full of smiles and high fives. The Mascot jollied around and brought cheers to everyone he came across. Negron along with Martinez distributed Yankee trinkets to top off the day.



The Miracle League meets every Saturday from 9am – 11am and is located at Tyrone Boulevard and 75th Street North in St. Petersburg. For more information please call (727) 864-4331, email-stone1@tampabay.rr.com.