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**LITTLE LEAGUE® BASEBALL RETURNS TODAY IN EL PASO WITH OPENING DAY CEREMONY
IN HORIZON CITY**

After a 20-year hiatus, El Paso Border Youth Little League is back, now featuring a new affiliation with Little League International for the Southwestern Region.

EL PASO, TX (April 6, 2024) – El Paso Border Youth Little League and Little League® International inaugurated baseball season today with a community-centered “Opening Day Ceremony” at Golden Eagle Park in Horizon City.

“This opening day ceremony and our Little League affiliation is bigger than baseball. It’s about the entire community coming together to actively support our youth and their journey toward self-sustainment and personal fulfillment,” said El Paso Border Youth Little League President, Jorge Gaspar.

Currently comprising 14 teams, involving more than 250 youth and 30 volunteer coaches and team parents, El Paso Border Youth Little League is based in Horizon City. It is open to all youth ages 11 to 15 without regard to geographic boundaries.

Consistent with the mission of Little League International, players are eligible to participate in all aspects of league play including International Tournament play.

“We are fully committed to removing barriers of entry to baseball for families across our community through acts of service, volunteerism and expanding access to non-profit baseball in a way that is engaging, exciting and fun,” said El Paso Baseball Hall of Famer, Dwayne Aboud, MD. Dr. Aboud is also El Paso Border Youth Athletic Association’s President. El Paso BYAA is an affiliated non-profit organization and is instrumental in engaging youth through sports across the Borderland region.



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Today's event, themed "ALL IN...WE WIN" featured a gathering of coaches, families, first responders, sponsors, players and supporters on Horizon City's Golden Eagle Park baseball field festooned with sponsor banners. A brief opening ceremony with sponsor recognition and remarks from Dr. Aboud and Bolaski, drove home the idea that baseball play accomplishes a greater goal of building productive communities one player at a time.

About El Paso Border Youth Little League®

Committed to giving every child the opportunity to play baseball, the El Paso Border Youth Little League is the designated District 37 representative organization for the Southwestern Region of Little League® International. Based in Horizon City, El Paso Border Youth Little League is open to all youth ages 11 to 15 across the Borderland working to remove barriers to participation in sports.

About Little League® International

Founded in 1939 and based in Williamsport, Penn., Little League Baseball and Softball is the world's largest organized youth sports program, with approximately two million players and one million adult volunteers in every U.S. state and more than 80 countries.