

## NDG Baseball Legacy Award 2012 – Jackie Wallace

"Never has a man stood so tall as when he stoops to help a boy"

## Anonymous

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Jackie Wallace has been involved in all facets of baseball in NDG, on and off the field, for approximately forty years.

During the early days of our League, when there was heated Park competition, Jackie was instrumental in organizing, and coaching, youngsters representing NDG Park.

When the League then participated in so-called Federated baseball, Jackie was the Head Coach and Manager of the League's inter-city teams at all levels (Mosquito; Pee Wee; Bantam; Juvenile; and Junior). Two of Jackie's teams (Mosquito and Juvenile) won City championships!

Off the field, Jackie served both as President and Secretary of NDG Baseball.

NDG Baseball was founded in the spring of 1961. One of the very first people named by the newly-formed League to coach our youngsters was Jackie Wallace: The Monitor, April 20, 1961.

The significance and the impact of Jackie's contributions to our League, and to our community at large, are immeasurable and were publicly recognized when Jackie was named NDG'S "Citizen of the Year" in 1973.

The "Legacy Award" which Jackie receives tonight is a heartfelt recognition by all of us of Jackie's role as a genuine pioneer of our League. Without Jackie's many important contributions over two generations, the League would clearly not enjoy the success which it does today!

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