



# Crystal Run Village Foundation, Inc.

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## News

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### **Foundation Embraces Beautiful People: Every Child Deserves the Personal Successes of Teams Sports**

The Crystal Run Village Foundation, Inc. is proud to announce its commitment to a series of donations totaling \$10,000 to Beautiful People, a non-profit organization in Orange County providing adaptive sports programs for children with disabilities ages 5-21. The donation acknowledges the empowering aspects of the Beautiful People mission of making it possible for kids with disabilities to participate as actual players, not spectators in team sports. The Foundation's Board of Directors is also moved by the future promise of Beautiful People to build a customized, fully accessible, safe ball park, with rubberized turf that will allow it to organize and host additional sporting events beyond baseball and soccer.

The idea of beautiful people came to Peter Ladka, its founder, in 2005 while playing T-ball with his daughter. He'd been thinking about how he could do something in the community. Ladke realized how much his children benefited from exercising and socializing with other kids and thought that children with disabilities should have the opportunity. And, so it was that Ladke developed standard organized leagues in baseball and soccer in which players are paired with a community youth or adult "buddy, who stays with the player when he or she hits, rounds the bases, fields the ball or goes for the goal. *To learn more about Beautiful People visit: [www.beautiful-people.us](http://www.beautiful-people.us) .*

The Crystal Run Village Foundation, Inc. raises, manages and distributes funds for bettering the lives of individuals and families living with the consequences of intellectual, physical and psychological disability. The Foundation supports the differences in life that promise dignity and fuller participation in our society for people with disabilities. **For more information about the Crystal Run Village Foundation call: 845-692-4444 to speak with the Foundation Director.**

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