

## **Bob Sauders – 1000 Games Presentation**

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On behalf of the MYAA Board, we would like to thank you for your years of dedicated service to the youth of this community. Our association has been blessed with your passion for the game of baseball, your commitment to the athletes and the impeccable role model you have shown the baseball players that have played for MYAA.

Al Spalding said, "Baseball is a man maker." If that is true, Bob, you've been in charge of a very large factory for 25 years. Because you have taken hundreds of 11 and 12-year-olds, and you've coached them not only into being awesome baseball players, but also into fine young men. And they are out there taking what YOU gave them to-

The next level of baseball – 14U, High School, College, coaching their own boys. They're taking it into their studies in High School, College and into their jobs. These boys are students, adults, marines in Iraq and Afghanistan, husbands, fathers and coaches.

Mike Callahan – 1999 and 2000 Indians Team said, "Tell Bob I said congrats and he deserves it. Keep coaching. Don't stop."

Cory Beddick – 1998 and 1999 Indians team - Who played Hempfield HS baseball and for Gettysburg College – made this comment: "I would love for Bob to know that I learned more about baseball in the 2 years playing for him than from any other coach I have ever played for. Playing for the Indians was the start of me loving baseball."

It is often said that EVERYTHING is counted in baseball. Statistics is part of the game; batting Averages, RBI's, errors, strikeouts, home Runs, on-base percentage, ERAs. Ernie Banks said, "Awards mean a lot, but they don't say it all. The people in baseball mean more to me than statistics."

Bob – I am certain that you and others have plenty of baseball statistics about your 1000 games. And as important as they are – what you have done for MYAA and the youth and the baseball players in this community – it CAN'T be counted and it CAN'T be turned into a statistic.

What you've given to your teams in 1000 games can't be measured. MYAA and the youth baseball players in Mountville have been blessed for the last 25 years. We can say it a hundred different ways.... Leaving your mark, Changing the World, Paying it Forward...Just like baseball statistics...it still adds up to the same thing.

You have touched so many lives on and off the baseball field. Bob – You ARE the MYAA Baseball Hall of Fame ...

In honor of this great occasion, MYAA presents this trophy and special gift...