



# Pitch In For Softball & Triple Crown Sports Sparkler Tournament Equipment Collection



## WHO IS PITCH IN FOR SOFTBALL?

In 2005, Pitch In For Baseball (PIFB) was created with purpose of collecting new and gently used equipment to redistribute to children around the globe to play ball. Over the past 12+ years, PIFB has expanded programming and partners to help more than 800,000 boys and girls play ball in every state in the U.S. and more than 100 countries internationally. Over the years, softball equipment grants comprised roughly 30% of our total impact. Most recently, in 2017 softball projects represented 33% of our projects. Though there has been marked growth in the amount of requests for softball equipment, our inventory of softball gear has not grown to support the demand. As an organization, we knew we could do more and want to ensure that equipment is not a barrier to participation.

Pitch In For Softball (PIFS) was launched in January 2018 with the leadership of our Advisory Committee including Chair *Allison Collins* of Wilson/Demarini, 3 time Olympic medalist *Crystl Bustos*, 2 time Olympic medalist *Natasha Watley*, NCAA legend *Sue Enquist*, and Little League Softball. PIFS works to make softball more accessible by providing equipment needed to play to leagues, teams, and community organizations worldwide.

## THE PARTNERSHIP

Pitch In For Softball has teamed up with Triple Crown Sports to run an equipment collection drive at the 2018 Sparkler Tournament! We are asking team mom's or head coaches to collect at least one piece of equipment from each athlete on your team to donate to PIFS. Bring the gear along with you to the Sparkler tournament where each team will be coming together at Festival Night to collect the equipment.

Pitch In For Softball can accept any piece of softball or baseball equipment that is in safe, playable condition. The equipment they need most are:

- Softballs
- Gloves 11"-12" (right handed and left handed)
- Bats 32" or less (-10/-11 oz)
- Catcher's gear

**Want to support PIFS but don't have equipment to donate? Visit [pifs.org](http://pifs.org) to make a donation or see how else you can help!**

***Interested in participating or have questions? Please email PIFS staff member, Bri Kuhn at [briannak@pifb.org](mailto:briannak@pifb.org)***