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PRESS RELEASE

MANESS NAMED THE 2024 CO-RECIPIENT OF THE SOUTHEAST LEFTY GOMEZ REGIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARD

The late Vernon “Lefty” Gomez was one of Babe Ruth League’s most dedicated volunteers. One of the reasons he was so committed to the program was because he witnessed firsthand the positive impact Babe Ruth League had on its young participants.

The “Lefty Gomez Volunteer of the Year” Regional Award Winner Program was introduced in 2023. The eight Babe Ruth League Regional Commissioners select one volunteer from their region, who has gone above and beyond to promote and further develop the Babe Ruth League program, to receive this prestigious award.

Roger Maness of Nashville, Tennessee, was selected by Southeast Regional Commissioner John Lucas as the 2024 co-recipient.

Lucas said, “The Lefty Gomez Volunteer of the Year Award is among the highest honors to be bestowed upon a regional volunteer. Its recipient must embody the spirit of the Babe Ruth League philosophy, which is to provide the best possible sports experience for every child wanting to play. Roger Maness admirably and enthusiastically exemplifies this philosophy.”

After moving from Jacksonville, Florida to Nashville, Tennessee, Maness’ active involvement as a volunteer with Babe Ruth League began in 2010. He first assisted the East Tennessee Babe Ruth State Organization by helping run District and State tournaments. Soon thereafter, Maness was asked to serve as an Assistant State Commissioner, a position he still holds today.

From an administrative standpoint, Maness is willing to do whatever is needed to assist East Tennessee Babe Ruth State Commissioner Doug Strong. He is available for questions and rule



clarifications and works meticulously with tournament hosts to provide the best experience possible for all participating teams.

Maness also works diligently behind the scenes assisting League Presidents and coaches with different aspects of the Babe Ruth League program. Willing to put in countless hours, he is often seen preparing fields, supporting and coordinating league events and activities, and playing a major role in the safety, well-being, and overall positive development of youth.

Babe Ruth League, Inc. is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to developing better citizens by providing properly supervised baseball and softball competition for 4 through 18-year-old players. It is the basic intent of Babe Ruth League that every player who has a desire to play the sport is allowed to participate and have fun.

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