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8th Annual Safe At Home Game™ Honors Officer Howard Baugh, Sr.

Atlanta youth and law enforcement celebrate goodwill and fellowship through baseball

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - On Saturday, August 20, 2022, L.E.A.D. Ambassadors and officers of the Atlanta Police Department (APD), Atlanta Public Schools Police Department, Fulton County Sheriff's Office, and Georgia Tech Police Department will compete in the 8th Annual Safe At Home Game at Mac Nease Baseball Park, in Russ Chandler Stadium, on the campus of Georgia Tech University. Gates will open at 10:00am with the first pitch at 11:00am.

The [Safe At Home Game](#) begins a new tradition this year—a trophy presentation to the winning team in honor of the late Officer Howard Baugh, Sr. (d. 2007), the first African-American to be promoted by the APD to sergeant, lieutenant, captain, major, and assistant chief. Beginning this year, the winning team name will be inscribed on the trophy to be displayed at L.E.A.D. Center for Youth. The family of Howard Baugh, Sr. will be present to partake in honoring his life-long accomplishments.

This baseball game creates an environment of competition, trust, and respect between two communities who often struggle to find common ground. Safe At Home opens lines of communication and builds connections between L.E.A.D. Ambassadors—Black male student athletes—and local law enforcement. Each year the relationship between L.E.A.D.'s young men and law enforcement has grown stronger due to their participation in this initiative.

"As the coach and mentor of thousands of Black boys in the inner-city of Atlanta, I want them to have a healthy relationship with law enforcement" shared L.E.A.D. Co-founder and Chief Visionary Officer C.J. Stewart. "This means we have tough conversations that include the history of policing and allowing space for both sides to share their truths; and of course chop it up a lil' bit with some fun on the diamond."

The Safe At Home Game is presented by [L.E.A.D. Center For Youth](#) (L.E.A.D.) and [APIVEO](#) (Always Play IV Each Other™), in partnership with L.E.A.D. Ambassadors, the Atlanta Police Foundation, Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta Public Schools Police Department, Fulton County Sheriff's Office, and Georgia Tech Police Department.

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About L.E.A.D. Center For Youth, Inc.

[L.E.A.D.](#) stands for Launch, Expose, Advise, Direct. It is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization operating in Atlanta, Georgia. Its mission is to empower an at-risk generation to lead and transform their city of Atlanta by using the sport of baseball to teach Black boys how to overcome three curveballs that threaten their success: crime, poverty, and racism. Through year-round sports-based youth development programming, L.E.A.D. is inspiring and equipping young, Black males to earn positions of leadership in business, education, and government in Atlanta and beyond.

About APIVEO

[APIVEO®](#) stands for Always Play IV Each Other™. “Always Play IV Each Other®” is a commitment to intentionally use your gifts and talents to help others. When you’re not first...you always win.® Its mission is to have a positive long lasting impact on youth. It strives to empower youth coaches by giving them simple, positive and age appropriate life and leadership lessons to share with their team. Its commitment is to provide fun and engaging materials for coaches, players, and parents through our website as well as live clinics and seminars.

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