

WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE USPBL



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What a wonderful venue you have there! We have never been to a game and let me say, it was a wonderful experience! From the meet and greet to the dancers, even our usher was fun and friendly and the fireworks great! It was a wonderful family venue! – **Debra Esquivel**

Just wanted to thank you for such a beautiful venue. Fun to watch the game and fireworks were spectacular! – **Becky Courtois**



Thank you so very much for everything you did to make our day at the ballpark so great! We had so much fun! My family had the best time! You have built something so amazing there. Thank you again! – **Paula Silver, Senior Vice President, Corporate Communications/DTE Foundation**

The most kids friendly and fan friendly experience I have had at a game. – **Richard Darbyshire**

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I was thoroughly impressed by our experience at the game yesterday. The super accommodations, fun ballgame and great weather made better by you and your team helping to deliver a fun and memorable experience! It is not easy to take all 4 of the kiddos at their ages and keep them engaged and have them all experience a great time but you helped us accomplish that. Thank you for making a point to greet us and for the tour and invitation to your spectacular suite (not to mention the ice cream). You truly lived up to your title “director of fun”, my sincere thanks!

– **Marissa West, General Motors**



We had a wonderful time today. What a concept you have developed. It was really fun seeing all the kids, all the families, having so much fun together in beautiful downtown Utica, a community made so much better by your creativity and grit. – **Richard Cole**

I want to start by saying thank you for the incredible opportunity you extended to my family and I this past weekend. The experience was truly unforgettable, and we are so deeply thankful we were able to attend on Friday. The care and attention to detail put into the ballpark is evident in every aspect. The beautiful suite, great food, outstanding fireworks and the overall well-organized event left a lasting impression on us. My girls were so excited to be able to run the bases as well. Like they were the pros. It is evident that you and your team are devoted to providing an exceptional baseball experience.

– **Kellie B.**



Jaime, Davis, Austin, and I had a wonderful time Friday night! The experience was memorable and you and your team did a remarkable job providing a top notch experience. - Steve

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Thanks for hosting me and my family at the baseball game on Saturday night. What a blast! I'm super impressed at both your vision and execution in making the stadium baseball-first yet family focused. I've been to a lot of stadiums in my time at MLB - and I can honestly say you have something special going in Utica. Congratulations. – **Jordan Sherman**

My husband brought my 3-year old to a few games this year. We offered to take him to a Tigers game as well but he said no thanks because at USPBL he gets to watch the game, run the bases, and play on a playground! – **Jacquelyn Smith**

Thanks again, everyone had a terrific afternoon! Hugely impressed with the whole experience, not least your own obvious passion and talent! – **Peter S.**

I just wanted to thank you for another wonderful evening at the ballpark. Brooke's youngest said it was the greatest night of his life, so that's a pretty good review. Her oldest thought it was a terrific experience. So, you captured all the boys hearts. Thanks again for your kindness your generosity. All the best and congratulations on everything. – **Tom W.**

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Thanks so much for welcoming us and our guests to your box Friday night. We really had a great and relaxing time, and the game was terrific — a lot of good hitting and an exciting walk-off at the end. It was great to catch up with you and to meet the other folks in your box. It was great to catch up with you as well and to be a part of your passion for the game, the people and setting there. We'll see if we can find our way back on our own one of these nights before school begins! Thanks very much again, and best wishes for the conclusion of the season! — **Nathan**



I wanted to let you know what a wonderful experience me and my family had this past Friday at the ballpark. I work in a cancer clinic and for some reason I had an extremely difficult week. My husband decided to get last minute tickets to the game last Friday night. As I was coming up the stairs, I had the wonderful experience to meet JJ the dog, and as we left, you shook our hands and told us thank you and drive safe. We may have been one of the hundreds of people you met that night, but my husband said this was the biggest smile he had seen me have in months. Thank you and JJ for a wonderful night! — **Nicole Karbousky**



Thank you again for tonight, my kids will not stop talking about it, how cool the game was, how amazing the fireworks were, how nice Andy is, we had a great time and really appreciate it, looking forward to the next time. Have a great night. — **Henri**

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First of all I just wanted to say thank you for a wonderful experience at Friday night's game! Your staff was amazing. Between the wait staff, players, mascot, and even Andy and Dana coming and saying hi. Our friends and family were blown away! Some of them it was the first time at the ballpark. I just want to personally thank you! We look forward to up coming events! Again, thank you!" – **Pauline Rademaker, Vice President, Century Security Group**

What an incredible evening we had at your ballpark. I was quite impressed by your associates. Your team is really incredible. Kudos to you Andy and thank you for a great experience. – **Timothy Moran, Moran & Company**



I had the greatest time at the game. We were treated like royalty and the fireworks after the game were awesome. The owner came over and asked us about our experience. What a great, kind and caring person. Thank you. We will return to watch a game and have pure enjoyment! – **Michael Abalos**

We had a great time! You and Dana have truly created a unique experience that captures the spirit of going to the ballpark, but so much more. Congratulations on your success! – **Jeff**



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

We would also like to give a special call-out to the the USPBL for their support and donation to our foundation. Dana Schmitt (President) and Andy Appleby (Owner and CEO) helped make our funding for these mental health programs possible. – **Shawn and Lynn Davis**

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I cannot thank you enough for coordinating my group outing. I received so many compliments, especially from my guests who brought children. The event was flawless and all of your staff that day were kind and knowledgeable. My employer, Michael Lope', had recommended that I plan this event with you and I'm so glad that I did. I will definitely recommend group events at the ballpark to others. – Allison V.

GROUP OUTINGS

Everything was wonderful! The staff was extremely helpful and our members had a fantastic time at the game. It turned out to be a beautiful night with a lot of great feedback from our members! A big thank you to you and the event staff! We would love to work together again in the future.

– Hannah Ayrault, Great Lakes Advisor Group

We are excited to be coming back to the ballpark this year. I have to tell you that I live in Utica, and your field is a huge source of pride to me. What USPBL has done is outstanding.

– Nancy Carter, City of Mount Clemens

First, I just wanted to reach out and say thank you for everything! My staff and I had an amazing time and we couldn't thank you enough. It was a much needed night out for us as a team and everything was so amazing! I am so excited for this season, our growing partnership and more opportunities like last night! Thank you so much.

– Leah Thelen

Thank you so much for the outstanding hospitality, as usual, at the game last night. The Trion team members and guests in attendance really enjoyed themselves and thanked us several times for organizing. Thank you for facilitating our logo on the scoreboards when we had our group photo taken on the field in the middle of the 4th inning. Great teamwork for sure! You should be very proud of your facility and operations!

– Jeff, Trion Solutions

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I have just returned home from my very first experience at the ballpark for the final game of the regular season and I am overjoyed! I am so positively impressed with every detail you have covered that on my way out (using the same gate that I came in) I saw again Lisa, the ticket taker, who gave me helpful directions on the way in and asked me if I liked it afterward on the way out. I told her, “This is like the Disneyland of baseball.” She exclaimed, “OMG! That is what Mr. Appleby says at our meetings that he wants us to become!”

Mr. Appleby you have NAILED IT! And I dare say you are better than Disneyland. You are more affordable. And I don’t ever recall hearing anything about Disney coordinating the contribution of funds from community entities to charities: buying a game worn jersey = 50% of the profits go to ALS research, a stolen base generates another charitable donation, and so on.

As the mother of two now grown sons, I was astounded to see seven, eight, and even 14-year-old boys responding with genuine excitement and confidence to the seventh inning stretch dancers by joining in the dancing! Kudos to you for putting the bat boys out there as well as the cheer girls to lead the dance!

All of the activities you have put in a game night occupy absolutely everyone: the youngsters who got to make their proudly worn headbands for their favorite team, the giveaways (I scored a JJ bobble head), the special selections of random rows for more giveaways, the Beer Batter of the night so we’ll watch if he gets a hit and we get a discount, the fireworks I’ve heard about, letting the kids run the bases afterwards and give high-fives to the team mascots... it all adds up to the greatest thing I’ve seen in baseball in decades.

Only baseball has ever been my favorite sport. I am a Michigan native. When Ernie Harwell no longer announced the Tiger games, that pretty much ended it for me. I live north of Rochester Michigan now, and a trip all the way down to Comerica Park just holds no appeal for me at all. I will be attending this ballpark instead. I will be bringing my family and my friends. I am looking forward to getting in on next year’s season right from the start!

I am emailing you tonight just as soon as I got in the door of my home from my very first trip to the ballpark because I wanted to THANK YOU for a job well done! – **Paula Porter**



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SUITES

Wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed my family's birthday gift on my 90th birthday in a cabana suite. A fabulous experience for me and for them. None of them had ever experienced a game at the ballpark, but everyone will be talking about it for a long time. Your staff were great, helpful and courteous. My family are already making plans to come back. Wishing you many more years of fine family-friendly baseball." – **Edward Durham**

Thanks so much and kudos to your entire staff for making my wife's surprise birthday party a true success. Our Cabana Suite exceeded expectations. From the concierge staff, the magician, the mascot and the team dog! They were obviously enjoying their assignments. The dog even helped himself to a hot dog! What an exciting finish to a successful season. The fans were great and the kids really loved being on field and interacting with the players. You presented a first class experience! I look forward to discussing details with you of our own foundation, sports and entertainment development as we move forward, in the process.

– **Jack**

We had such a fantastic time at the ballpark last Friday. I had been looking forward to seeing what USPBL was all about. Needless to say, it blew me away! It's quite clear that a tremendous amount of thought, effort & decades of experience went into creating such a utopic summer/fall atmosphere for sports. There was so much joy on display – kids, adults & players alike. And all the special touches! I loved the team names, the anthem/pre-game, premium food and beverage around the park, JJ the Bat Dog, that incredible magic show, the lawn in the outfield – the list goes on! – **Devon & Louisa**

Thank you so very much for hosting us. All of the kids had a great time. They are asking every day when we are going again. We will for sure be back for games this year. Thanks again so much!

– **Saylor F**



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You have a great thing going at the ballpark! We loved our evening there and I'm still digesting all the activities and fun. Loved the baseball (of course), the facility, the crowd, the bat-loving pup who visited us, the magician, who amazed us and the fireworks. All of your effort and your philosophy shine through. – Susan Tisdell

Thank you again for your generosity and hospitality at today's game! My family had a wonderful time and couldn't stop talking about how cool it was and how special they felt. The players and staff went above and beyond as usual. My son was even handed a signed game ball. – Jessica B.



I just wanted to tell you that you, Mr. Appleby and the whole staff how much we appreciated the above and beyond approach that was taken on our behalf. Owen, you made this in-law look like a rock star! They just can't stop talking about it. This night will never be forgotten. Thank you for a memorable family event. We hope to do it again in the future.

– Nancy Scully

We could not have had a better view of the fireworks! I was very impressed with your beautiful stadium and everything that was going on. Your generosity to the kids and community are very evident. Many thanks!

– Lynda Redmond

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SPONSORSHIP

I would like to take a moment to say thank you for the lovely evening Friday night.. Our team and clients had such a wonderful evening. And holy cow those fireworks! What a show! Great team members on your staff! Additionally, my colleague Trey who has been managing our sampling events, has had nothing but positive things to say about your team and their help with his set up and tear down both nights he's been at the park. It is a pleasure to be a part of the sponsorship of such a well run, family friendly, and fun community element like USPBL! Thank you again team for including Garden Fresh this year, and what I hope is the start of years to come!" – Megan Trout, Garden Fresh



Thank you so much Andy, you have been so genuinely supportive throughout our partnership – I cannot tell you how much it means to me! I hope you have a fantastic Championship Weekend!
– Ruthann Varosi

Keep up the great work! I've never had anyone work harder to make sure that the partnership was beneficial for everyone. We are happy to be a part of the USPBL. – Dan Weingartz

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EVENTS

Well, I finally feel like I've recovered from our fantastic event on Saturday! You and your staff were really amazing, We can't thank you enough! They assisted when needed and stood back and watched the chaos unfold when needed, expertly interjecting at the right moments. David was a great "personal assistant" before and during the event. Katie worked with the Master of Ceremonies on all things AV. The music played when needed, pictures scrolled and videos played, right on time. And JJ was the star of the show, delivering Captain Marengo her baseball bat! From throwing out the first pitch to the 'Hometown Hero' event... your staff, the stadium guests AND the players were awesome! It was an event to remember at the culmination of our careers. Thanks again! – **Mary Angelique Bartreau, Program Specialist, Detroit District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**



I wanted to take a moment to thank you and your team at USBPL for the outstanding hospitality you provided yesterday during the event. The room setup was impeccable, and each staff member went above and beyond to make the experience seamless and enjoyable. Your team's efforts truly did not go unnoticed. The group greatly appreciated everything that was organized, and we are genuinely grateful for all the hard work put into making the event a success. We are already looking forward to collaborating with your organization again in the future. Thank you once again for your excellent support and coordination. Have a blessed and wonderful weekend! – **Joe Turner, APC Advisor**

I just wanted to send a thank you to you and your team for a fantastic job on Saturday, you knocked it out of the park! It was a great day for all our graduates. And you even ordered the perfect weather. I appreciate how easy everyone on your team was to work with and everyone was so helpful and knowledgeable. – **Karen Ponton, Office of Student Affairs, Academic Event and Student Life Coordinator, Walsh College**

On behalf of us retirees, just want to thank you and your team for your hospitality on Saturday and the outstanding set up and execution to honor our careers. The venue is 1st class and we've received such great feedback. We will definitely keep you all in mind for future events! Once again, we can't thank you all enough! – **Garrett D. Ray, Civil Engineer, FRM/FPMS/Silver Jackets, USACE- Detroit District**



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SEASON TICKET

The USPBL has been a big part of our family over the last few years. You've helped us to make a tradition that our kids will always remember - one that brought smiles and light during some difficult times. "JJ's home" (as my son, Henry used to call it) has become like another home for the Klines as well. From being some of the first back in the stadium during the early days of the Summer of 2020 (I'll admit my eyes welled up during Andy's post-championship game speech), to getting my baseball-loving grandmother back to her first game since the death of my grandpa, to the friendly staff members always welcoming and smiling at my children; the family-oriented experience you all provide is second-to-none.

— Evan Kline and the Kline Family



Our family has been attending USPBL ball games since you opened. We have been season ticket holders throughout the years and been involved in many activities offered at the ballpark. Our son, Dominic, had the chance to be the bat kid for the Mammoths. My husband and I cannot say enough incredible things about the experience that our son had with the players, coaches, and others on the bench. Our son was in complete awe with the entire experience. Each player and coach treated him with such kindness. It will be an experience that he will remember for his entire life! Thank you for providing young kids the opportunity to have not only the ability to watch baseball in "their backyard" but also for allowing them to have experiences that encourage their love for baseball. I would also like to thank you for encouraging positivity with the young men that play in your organization. Our son will forever remember praying with the team before they took the field. What a wonderful and powerful moment for him. Again, thank you for providing him the opportunity to experience baseball in a new way. It is a memory that we will forever cherish. — Cory, Renee, and Dominic Sheridan

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