

MITCHELL FUNDRAISER

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Arizona Diamondbacks, and Jerry Manuel, bench coach for the New York Mets, joined members of the local civic and business community at a reception in Town Center.

"It all adds up," said Wayne Lowery, general manager of the El Dorado Hills Community Service District. "We appreciate any support. In fact, if everyone in El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park and Folsom gave at least \$20, we would be close to what we need to begin construction." Major sponsors Bank of America, Land Architecture and Roebbelen are all contributing at least \$100,000.

"We are pleased and honored to be a part of recognizing the dedication and sacrifice the individuals in our local law enforcement and fire departments make, along with the sacrifices of their families," said commercial construction firm, Roebbelen

Executive Vice President Ken DeBruhl. "Roebbelen will be donating construction management of the memorial field and we hope that others in the area will also choose to get involved or donate to such a worthwhile project. We are here for the

kids." The existing sports field at Bertelsen Park in El Dorado Hills, chosen because it's close to Jeff's home, will be renovated to a state of the art premier Little League field. Since Jeff had a passion for baseball and kids,

family and friends agreed a baseball field would be a fitting memorial to his ultimate sacrifice, and inspire our youth with positive role models. Volunteers and donations of every size are welcome and appreciated. To contribute or volunteer, call Susan Johnson at (916) 933-8811. Contributions can also be made online at www.JeffMitchellField.com. To contribute supplies, materials or services, contact Steve Fuhrman of Land Architecture at (916) 786-2858.

Local community pitches in for Little League memorial

The El Dorado Hills community is pitching in to help raise money for the Jeff Mitchell Public Service Memorial through several upcoming fundraising events.

The memorial Little League field will honor the late Sheriff Deputy Jeff Mitchell, who was shot and killed in the line of duty in October 2006, and other public servants, including our local firefighters and law enforcement.

"The El Dorado Hills Little League sold Jeff Mitchell buttons on their opening day and raised over \$600," said David Koch, president of El Dorado Hills Little League South. The kids were excited at the prospect of a

new ball field, and excited to help such a worthy cause.

On May 10, the El Dorado Hills Fire Department will host a button drive at the El Dorado Hills Raleys, Safeway and Nugget Grocery stores, to raise funds to help build the memorial field. Volunteers will be located at each store's entrance between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Donors can pick up buttons, and ask questions about the project. Also, collection containers will be located at participating Town Center merchants. To volunteer to help with this or any other fundraisers, please contact Susan Johnson at 933-8811.

The CSD Summer Concert

series kicks off on Friday, May 16, at the EDH Community Park from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Volunteers will have a booth and help to raise funds. Jeff Mitchell button spotters will be out and about. If an individual is spotted wearing a button, he or she could win a prize.

In addition, May 16, from 7 to 11 p.m., a Serrano dinner and dance will be hosted by El Dorado Hills Little League South. All the proceeds will go toward Jeff Mitchell field. For more information and tickets, go to www.edhllsouth.org.

The El Dorado Hills Fire Department is sponsoring a pancake breakfast in Jeff Mitchell's

honor on May 31, at the main fire station, 1050 Wilson Blvd., from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., to raise funds for the field. Family tickets are \$10, and individual tickets can be purchased for \$5. A full breakfast will be prepared by the local firefighters. Tickets will go on sale May 1.

Fundraising efforts kicked off February 11, when John McGinness, Sheriff Sacramento County, and Jeff Neves, Sheriff El Dorado County, along with Major League Baseball all-star Derek Lee, Leon Lee former international player and manager, Rick Schu hitting coach with the

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