OVERCOMING ALL ODDS

"If I cheer Landon on, and tell Landon he can do it – it seems like he doesn't believe it. But when there is another positive person doing the same, he seems to believe it more." **– Landon's mom**

Since his father's imprisonment, Landon's mom was his sole cheerleader. As the child of an incarcerated father, Landon is six times more likely to be expelled or suspended from school than other children. As a black male, Landon has a one in three chance of going to prison in his lifetime.

Our prayer is for God to use Landon to overcome those odds.

Two years ago, Landon was matched with his mentor Bryan, and his mom shared how since then she's witnessed RBI mentoring and baseball slowly transform her son — tempering anger, building self-esteem, and growing in the ability to maintain positive relationships.

RBI Austin has provided Landon a consistent, year-round mentor whom we've seen God use to point Landon to the truth that there is One who will never leave him, never walk out, never stop showing up.

Bryan and Landon were matched on Nov. 5, 2015 and just celebrated their two-year match anniversary!

Who believed in you when you were growing up? Who saw and affirmed characteristics in you that you didn't even know you possessed? Who was patient in the middle of the fight? Who was present when others walked out? Who helped you realize you were capable? Valuable? A leader?

Along with his mentor, baseball is a mechanism we've seen God use to shake Landon's leadership skills to the surface.

"We gradually introduced him to baseball, and I think he surprised himself. You could see self-esteem building up in him because he challenged himself to do something he hadn't done before. I don't think he's had an opportunity to display his leadership characteristics and baseball just kind of helped him tap into those characteristics that he didn't realize he had," shared Bryan, Landon's mentor.

Thanks to your support, Landon is not the only RBI Austin kid engaged in a transformative, year-round relationship.

Through our mentor match program and baseball/softball programs, **142** of our **1,171** RBI Austin kids (12%) are engaged in a year-round relationship with an RBI coach or mentor. But that still leaves the majority of our RBI Austin kids who direly need a consistent relationship like Landon has with Bryan.

With your support, you can help us change that. Our vision for 2018 is to DOUBLE the number of RBI Austin kids engaged in a year-round coach/mentor relationship from **142** to **284** by:

- Growing our active mentor-mentee matches from **67** to **91**
- Expanding our RBI Baseball/Softball Academy from **26** to **52** players
- Increasing our year-round coach-player relationships from **49** to **141**

In order to realize this vision, we need to raise **$82,542** by December 31st.

You can give online at **www.rbiaustin.org/give** or mail a check to: **RBI Austin, 313 E. Anderson Lane, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78752**.

Thank you for believing in RBI Austin, for being patient in the middle of the fight, for being present when many walk away. Thank you for saying "YES," supporting, and believing in Landon and our 1,170 other RBI Austin kids.

We're grateful to have you on our team,

Matt Price
Founder & Director, RBI Austin

Landon's team made it to the Jr. RBI 12U Baseball Championship game this summer!

P.S. **Would you join our Going, Going, Give team by Dec. 31st?** Details are on the back of this page.

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ENGAGE, DEVELOP, AND TRANSFORM INNER-CITY KIDS BY GIVING TO RBI AUSTIN!

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$35 PER MONTH
Provides equipment for 1 RBI Austin Team

$100 PER MONTH
Outfits 1 RBI Austin team with uniforms + equipment

$5,000 GIFT
Sustains 1 year of mentoring for 5 RBI Austin mentees

$65 PER MONTH
Hosts Friday Fun Night for our mentees for 1 year

$1,000 GIFT
Maintains 1 ball field for 1 year

$10,000 GIFT
Funds 1 RBI Austin Division for 1 season

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

#1 GIVE
Give a one-time or recurring monthly gift online: **rbiaustin.org/give** or mail a check to: **RBI Austin, 313 E. Anderson Ln, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78752**.

#2 SPREAD THE WORD
Share Going, Going, Give with friends/family/colleagues and invite them to join the RBI Austin fold!

DEADLINE TO GIVE 12/31!