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## **City of Crystal Lake Announces Hotel Tax Funding**

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The City of Crystal Lake City Council voted on the 2008 Hotel Tax funding recipients at the regular City Council meeting held on February 19, 2008. The McHenry County Youth Sports Association (MCYSA) the parent organization of the annual summer youth baseball championships held at Lippold Park and other locations, is very pleased to announce that they have been awarded \$55,000.00 in funding for marketing, promotional and web site improvements for the 2008 USSSA 15U, 11U and 9U Open Summer National Championship tournaments and the USSSA 13U and 10U National Invitational Championships which will be held July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Crystal Lake, Lake in the Hills, Cary and Woodstock.

Jack Sebesta, President of MCYSA, stated “ This is a major accomplishment for MCYSA and the community. The City of Crystal Lake for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year has acknowledged through their financial support the role that MCYSA and its dedicated group of volunteers; including our host team participants from the CL Babe Ruth, CL Bombers, CL Cardinals, CL Cyclones, LITH Thunder and LITHYAA and Cary Travelers; play in contributing to the economic engine of our community.”

The Hotel Tax funding level is a record amount for MCYSA. The not-for-profit organization attributes the increased funding to the credibility, strength and success of their own organization and to the partnership that was forged in November 2007 with USSSA. Since joining with USSSA the interest and exposure of the tournaments that have been based in Crystal Lake since 1993 has increased dramatically. MCYSA is extremely pleased with the relationship that has been established with USSSA.

“Illinois USSSA including Dave Wabick and John Binek; Terry Schadler, USSSA Northeast Regional Director and ECTB; Joey Odom, USSSA Executive VP; and Rick Fortuna, USSSA Executive VP of Baseball Operations have all been outstanding in their support, efforts and accomplishments in working with MCYSA to create the premier baseball event in the country.” stated Sebesta. Between 150 and 160 teams are expected to compete in the various age group events in July and August. The U15 tournament is expected to draw 60 teams from 24 plus states. Eight to ten foreign teams will also participate in the Inaugural U15 Open Summer National Championship.

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