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SRNS Mid-Career Professionals Volunteer for Buddy Baseball

AIKEN, S.C. (July 7, 2014) – Aspiring Mid-Career Professionals (AMP) from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) recently stepped up to the plate for Buddy Baseball, a volunteer league in Aiken, S.C. for special needs children.

The Aiken Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department has organized the Buddy Baseball league for five years. The season runs during the late spring and early summer months for six weeks. During the 2014 season, Buddy Baseball registered 24 players, and games regularly drew more than 100 spectators.

“Buddy Baseball is a highly successful program due to the support and generosity of Buddies who volunteer to assist the children playing,” said Jerry Shedd, head of the Buddy Baseball Board. “The enthusiasm and energy demonstrated by the AMP Buddies made for a meaningful and memorable experience for the players and their families.”

Thirteen AMP volunteers were assigned to help a player or “buddy,” and the volunteers helped the players bat, run the bases and play the infield. During all Buddy Baseball games, no one keeps score, and each player has a chance to hit the ball and run the bases. An announcer calls out each child’s name as they step up to the plate to bat.

“It’s a really good opportunity to support a local league that makes baseball accessible to all,” said SRNS employee Lori Coward. “This was AMP’s first time volunteering for a game, and it was very encouraging to see friends and family cheer for the players as they rounded the bases.”



SRNS employee Lori Coward (left) poses for a photo with her buddy during a Buddy Baseball game at Citizens Park in Aiken, S.C

AMP is a mid-career professionals organization that serves SRNS full-time employees who have between five and 20 years of work experience.

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