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AKRON SOFTBALL TEAM COLLECTING GEAR FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

AKRON, NEW YORK (March 29, 2016) – Do you have softballs, bats, mitts and other unwanted softball equipment you would be willing to donate to help build a softball league in the Dominican Republic? The Akron High School varsity softball team, in collaboration with the Hilbert College Rotaract Club, has begun their “JUST DONate IT” campaign to collect softball equipment to be shipped to Bani, Buffalo’s sister city in the Dominican Republic.

The team is looking for donations of softballs, bats, mitts, sneakers, cleats, uniforms, catching equipment, batting helmets, equipment bags – plus any school supplies, including backpacks. Their goal is to “pack-a-plane” with softball equipment to help build a four-team softball league in Bani. All donations will be shipped via cargo plane through the Denton Program at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base directly to Mr. Francis Perez Guzman, Director of Fundo Crème, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to community development in the region.

“Our local community is extremely supportive of our athletes,” said Coach Marlene Stone. “This project will provide an opportunity for our athletes to give an underprivileged community in the Dominican Republic a chance to enjoy the sport our team loves.”

Team members will be collecting items throughout the softball season.

For additional information about this “JUST DONate IT” campaign, please contact Coach Marlene Stone at (585)737-1158 or simply email justdonatesoftball@gmail.com with information about the items to be donated. Team members will make arrangements to pick up items at a convenient time. More information is on the school’s website at www.akronschools.org/athletics.

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