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Buchanan High School Baseball Field Renovated, Dedicated as Ryan A. Tucker Field

BUCHANAN, MI – The baseball program at Buchanan Community Schools will take the field this season on a newly renovated facility dedicated to the memory of 1999 BHS graduate Ryan A. Tucker. The transformation of the field was made possible through a generous anonymous gift managed by the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation.

Upgrades feature modern field materials, a redesigned infield, fencing, and a new irrigation system. These improvements will help extend the life of the facility while creating a safer, more consistent playing surface for student-athletes.

"The field is absolutely beautiful." Said first year Buchanan Varsity Baseball Coach Keith Schreiber. "The kids love it. It will help instill a sense of pride in the program for years to come."

"We are incredibly grateful to the generous anonymous donor whose gift has made this transformation possible," said Patricia Robinson, Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools. "The renovation of our baseball field is a true testament to the power of community, and it is a privilege to dedicate this space in memory of Ryan A. Tucker."

Buchanan High School Athletic Director, Reid McBeth, who coached Tucker, said the dedication adds deeper meaning to the project.

"Ryan was an easygoing, fun-loving individual who brought positive energy to everyone around him." McBeth said. "He loved being a Buck. This dedication ensures that his spirit and love for the game will continue to inspire future players who step onto that field."

The anonymous donor entrusted the gift to the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation to serve as the third-party fiduciary for the project.

"I'm thrilled to see the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation play a role in the transformational renovation of the baseball field at Buchanan High School," said Michael Rowland, President & CEO of the foundation. "As both a classmate and friend of Ryan Tucker, this project holds deep personal meaning for me. It's an incredible honor to help preserve Ryan's legacy in a way that will inspire future athletes and remind our community of the lasting impact one person can have."

A formal ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony for Ryan A. Tucker Field will take place on April 18, with members of the Class of 1999 baseball team in attendance. Buchanan High School will also host a round-robin tournament on the newly renovated field that day, giving the community a chance to celebrate the improvements and honor Tucker's legacy.

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