



## Ireland's Dream

[irelandsdream.org](http://irelandsdream.org)

### Focus Area: Environment, Recreation & Animal Welfare

**Year Founded:** 2015

**Mission:** Ireland's Dream is devoted to giving children with cerebral palsy access to life-changing care, therapies, and opportunities—ensuring they can live not just longer, but fuller, more joyful lives.

**Summary of work:** Ireland's Dream is building more than a therapy center—it is creating a haven of hope for children and families living with cerebral palsy. Planned for Davison, Michigan, this recreational therapy campus will feature a world-class therapy center, housing for families, an Olympic-sized pool, nature trails, and baseball fields. Every inch of this vision is designed to lift burdens, restore dignity, and create memories of joy for children who often spend their days in hospitals or therapy rooms.

**Project name:** Ireland's Dream "Field of Dreams" Handicap-Accessible Baseball Field

**Project purpose:** The "Field of Dreams" will be a place where no child is left watching from the sidelines. This fully accessible baseball field will invite both children with disabilities and those without to play side-by-side, erasing barriers and proving that ability—not disability—defines what's possible. Designed to resemble a traditional baseball field with only thoughtful, subtle modifications, the field will bring inclusion, equality, and belonging to every game.

**Details of Proposed Project:** At the Field of Dreams, local travel teams will partner with individuals of all ages and abilities to play together, learn together, and build friendships that dissolve prejudice before it takes root. Through every pitch, every cheer, and every shared victory, young people will grow up valuing diversity, empathy, and generosity. For children who have known struggle, this field will be a place of freedom and laughter; for their families, it will be a reminder that they are not alone.

**Goals and Objectives:** Ireland's Dream seeks to grow its CP Warriors and Shillelagh Baseball programs, currently relying on borrowed fields, into a permanent home worthy of these

incredible athletes. The Field of Dreams will not only host inclusive games but will also generate fundraising opportunities that support the construction of the full therapy center and future expansions. This field will become both a beacon of inclusion today and a foundation for tomorrow’s broader vision.

**Implementation Timeline:** 1–6 months, with the goal of opening in April 2026

**Target population:** Children and adults with cerebral palsy and other disabilities, their families, and community members—paired with travel baseball teams and the wider public. This project touches not just the players, but the entire community, who will see firsthand what it means to build a world without barriers.

**Number served:** From the CP Warriors and Shillelagh Baseball athletes, to local travel teams, to every child who learns acceptance by playing alongside a peer with different abilities—the ripples will spread endlessly through families, schools, and communities. The true number served is infinite, because the gift of inclusion changes everyone it touches.

**Budget:**

Project Expense Description	Total Expense	Impact100 Genesee County Funds	Description
Supplies	\$242,000	\$87,000	
Excavation	\$250,000	\$0	In-Kind Donation
Brush hogging of land	\$10,000	\$0	In-Kind Donation
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$502,000</b>	<b>\$87,000</b>	

**If the project budget exceeds the grant amount, explain the additional sources of funding:**

- CONFIRMED: Sigma Beta Fraternity (backstop): \$ 25,000
- CONFIRMED: Community Fund Davison (scoreboard): \$ 1,750
- CONFIRMED: Site Development Inc (excavation): \$250,000
- PENDING: DeBucks Sod Farm (labor): \$ 30,000
- CONFIRMED: Conquest Farms (brush hogging): \$ 10,000

**How will the project be sustained after the funds are used?**

Grant will be applied to overall project budget. No additional funding would be required. Upkeep would be part of the normal operating budget.