



NLLN is honored to be supported by Foundation Twentyone. A personal note below on Foundation Twentyone from Erik Egide, Tee-Ball Commissioner.

Foundation Twentyone was created to honor the life of Jonathan C. Christopher, the late son of John and Karen Christopher. Jonathan, a 2003 graduate of Novato High School, died in a tragic vehicle accident in 2007 on Super Bowl Sunday. He will always be remembered for his tremendously positive attitude, generous heart, and love of baseball. Jonathan and I grew up together and played Novato Little League, as well as senior league and high school baseball against each other. Jonathan loved to compete, however more importantly he loved to have fun. Growing up with Jonathan also meant growing up with his father, John. John was a constant presence at the baseball field and selflessly volunteered thousands of hours of his time to the baseball players of my generation in Novato. Put simply, baseball in Novato was better because of the Christopher family. They represented everything that his great about the game; competition, fun, and family. Following Jonathan's passing, John and Karen Christopher made it their mission to continue supporting the youth of Novato through the creation of Foundation Twentyone. The Foundation is committed to helping youths make responsible choices by introducing them to the skilled trades as viable career options. Just like baseball, the skilled trades promote team values such as trust, responsibility, commitment, understanding, respect, and integrity. John's experience as a member of the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local No. 8 combined with his love for baseball provided him the opportunity to create an organization that will help Novato's young people remember the true values and responsibilities of friendship. Foundation Twentyone's scholarship program was created to ensure Novato's youth can play baseball and provide resources for young adults after baseball by introducing them to viable career options in the skilled trades. By supporting Foundation Twentyone you are supporting Novato's youth.

**Sincerely,
Erik Egide**

For more information on Foundation Twentyone, please go to the website: <http://foundationtwentyone.org/>