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## **TRENTON MAYOR ERIC JACKSON TO CHEER ON UGANDA AGAINST CHAMBERSBURG AS PART OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S "PLAY BALL" INITIATIVE**

Trenton, N.J. — A Little League Baseball Team from Uganda will face off against Chambersburg on September 1 at Catherine Ford Field in Columbus Park on Chestnut Avenue. The game starts at 11 a.m.

Major League Baseball's "Play Ball" initiative, supported by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, is designed to help strengthen connection in communities across America. It promotes the joy of baseball and encourages widespread participation in related activities. During the month of August, or "Play Ball Month," mayors, including Mayor Eric Jackson, are engaging their cities in the effort as a way to strengthen the connection between communities and the national pastime.

"Trenton is thrilled to host the Ugandan team, which has played in the Little League World Series. The "Play Ball" initiative is an exciting opportunity to bring people from different continents together to enjoy a great American pastime together," said Mayor Eric Jackson. "Through efforts like this, we build bridges to one another and have the chance to communicate through common skills and our shared spirit of competitiveness."

One city in as many of the 50 U.S. states as possible will host international teams to promote and support "Play Ball Month" through baseball-related activities. Primary host locations are cities that have Major League and Minor League baseball clubs. Additionally, materials related to the initiative will be electronically available to hundreds of cities across the country, with the assistance of Major League Baseball.

Local leaders and citizens will report their activities to PlayBall.org via usmayors.org. PlayBall.org serves as the program's online home and is accessible via MLB.com, USABaseball.com and other partner websites. Coaching tips and video demonstrations will be a prominent component of the site. PlayBall.org also provides parents, coaches and kids with information about how to get involved with "Play Ball" activities, links to youth-related news and events, and searchable maps with links to information encouraging youth to join community baseball leagues. People can also access health and safety information, like "Pitch Smart."

For more information about the Uganda Little League, visit <http://ugandalittleleaguebaseball.org>.