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KIDS HAVE A BALL AT BAKER FIELD INAUGURAL EVENT

Fifty underprivileged and at-risk children learned how to play baseball and softball at the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation's opening clinic at the new Baker Field. The students, who attend programs at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, Youth Haven and Grace Place, also took part in a character-building exercise led by Corporal Barry Ardery of the Collier County Sheriff's Office. The clinic, which will be held monthly, is funded by a grant from Naples Children & Education Foundation – founders of Naples Winter Wine Festival. "The kids had a great time," said Colleen Miller, site monitor for the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. "We showed them which hand to wear the baseball glove on for starters, as many of them had never played softball or baseball before. They really took to the sport and are looking forward to the next clinic." For more information about Naples Children & Education Foundation, visit www.napleswinefestival.com or call 888-837-4919.