

Former Boston Red Sox Pitcher Manny DelCarmen Hosts "Strikes Back for Youth" Bowling and Ice Cream Event to Announce Upcoming Boston Athletic Academy in Hyde Park

World Series Champion and the "Pride of Hyde Park" to Open Baseball Complex and Summer Camp Series with Childhood Friend José Diaz in Hometown, Kicking Things Off at Ron's Gourmet Ice Cream and Twentieth Century Bowling Alley

Boston, Mass. (April 12, 2018) — Manny DelCarmen, Former Boston Red Sox Pitcher and 2007 World Series Champion, and his childhood friend José Diaz are proud to announce the launch of the Boston Athletic Academy, located in their neighborhood of Hyde Park. Boston Athletic Academy will kick off the official announcement with "Manny DelCarmen Strikes Back for Youth," a bowling and ice cream event at Ron's Gourmet Ice Cream and Twentieth Century Bowling Alley, located at 1231 Hyde Park Ave, Hyde Park, MA on Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Manny DelCarmen Strikes Back for Youth will feature the first look at renderings and images of Boston Athletic Academy, as well as the opportunity to talk with Manny, José Diaz and their team about their passion project, which will give kids the chance to further their baseball skills at the complex while receiving educational and college preparatory assistance. Guests will have the chance to bowl and compete directly against Manny for a chance to win free ice cream provided by Ron's. Silent auction items will be up for grabs, including four Red Sox home game tickets with VIP experience, an autographed Jackie Bradley Jr. game jersey and a signed baseball from Rick Porcello. Cost to participate is \$15 per person, which includes two strings of bowling, shoe rental and one raffle ticket. Non-bowlers are encouraged to make a donation to Boston Athletic Academy.

"Growing up in Hyde Park, we would spend hours and hours at Ron's when baseball wasn't in season, staying off of the streets, trying to out-bowl one another for bragging rights," said President and Co-Founder, José Diaz. "It's exciting, and fitting, that Ron's, our old childhood stomping grounds and a Hyde Park landmark, is where we get to debut our plans for a place we hope kids will spend hours and hours during the off-season."

Boston Athletic Academy will be located at 54 Walter Street in Hyde Park, featuring batting cages, artificial turf throughout the complex, a separate exercise area for strength and conditioning, pitching mounds and all necessary hitting equipment including, but not limited to, bats, baseballs, helmets and batting gloves. Boston Athletic Academy will also have classrooms where student-athletes have quiet areas to study, receiving tutoring and focusing on homework during the school year.

"Hyde Park provided me the opportunity to fulfill my dream of not only playing Major League Baseball, but playing professionally for my hometown team, the Boston Red Sox," said Vice President and Co-Founder, Manny DelCarmen. "That same dream lives within many kids playing baseball in Hyde Park on the same baseball fields I played on growing up. It gives me great pride to open Boston Athletic Academy in my own neighborhood, showing these kids that success has no boundaries, and this great town can provide them the same opportunity I was given."

For more information about the Boston Athletic Academy, please visit <u>Boston Athletic Academy on Facebook</u>, or email <u>bostonathleticacademy@gmail.com</u>. To register and confirm a spot for bowling, please visit <u>www.eventbrite.com/bostonathleticacademy</u>.

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