Wolves baseball helps host Sertoma Baseball Camp
14 year-old Jacob Nelson named honorary member of the Wolves
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Carrollton, GA – Every summer since 2000, the University of West Georgia teams up with the Carroll County Sertoma Club and the Comprehensive Community Clinic at UWG to hold the Sertoma Fantasy Baseball Camp at Cole Field. The camp provides children from the Carrollton community the opportunity to play baseball in a safe environment alongside UWG coaches, players and Speech-Language professionals at UWG.

The Comprehensive Community Clinic began two years ago, when the College of Education combined all the clinics across campus and brought them together as a comprehensive educational training facility. The CCC offers speech-language evaluation and therapy, literacy tutoring, math tutoring, and private and family counseling services. "The CCC serves the community, and almost all the kids that attend the Sertoma Fantasy Baseball Camp are children that either come to our clinic for different services or are their siblings," said Dr. Laura Smith, director of the Comprehensive Community Clinic.

This year, the Sertoma Fantasy Baseball Camp honored Jacob Nelson, a young man who has attended the camp for the past seven years. Jacob is the 14 year-old son of Harry and Becky Nelson, both of whom work at UWG. Head baseball coach Skip Fite honored Jacob as an honorary member of the Wolves, presenting him with a UWG baseball jersey and hat.

Jacob is autistic and has been visiting the Comprehensive Community Clinic and their speech therapy program since he was just three years old. "Jacob has always looked forward to and been excited about this camp," said Harry Nelson, Jacob's father. "It's special to him because he doesn't get an opportunity to play on teams too much in school," added Nelson, "but this is a big opportunity for him, and to be a part of a team is a huge deal for Jacob."

The smile on Jacob's face and his big thumbs up is something everyone in attendance will never forget. "We're just
really grateful to the Sertoma Club, to the Comprehensive Community Clinic, and the baseball players and Coach Fite, for spending their time to do this with the students and kids that come out to the camp," added Jacob's mother, Becky, "It's definitely an opportunity for some that they would not get otherwise."

UWG finance professor, Dr. Charles Hodges, has served as director of the camp since 2003, and looks forward to reaching out to the community each summer, "The Sertoma Fantasy Baseball Camp is a wonderful event that is great for the West Georgia area, and the Sertoma Club is extremely proud to support this important camp," said Dr. Hodges. "Hopefully it be an event that continues to go on for many, many years into the future," added Dr. Hodges.

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