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## Life in the Fastlane

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**Touchdowns, Homeruns & Cheers Peachtree Ridge Youth Athletic Association Scores with the Community**

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Casey Coffey knows the parks near his Suwanee home like the back of his hand. After all, most of his free time there. With four kids that play virtually every sport, Coffey's either chauffeuring them to a game, coaching a game, helping set up before a game, or doing an myriads of tasks. But he loves it and wouldn't trade his life for anything.

He and his wife Ene have five children: 13-year-old Drew, 10-year-old Jordan, 10-year-old Alexandra, 8-year-old Zane and 2-year-old Nicole.

"Everybody's involved in virtually every sport: football, baseball, softball, cheerleading, soccer, basketball," Coffey said. "They do it all - that's all we do is go from one park to the next. Saturdays are filled up."

A dedicated sports dad, Coffey coaches baseball and basketball while Ene is a cheerleading. The family had been playing in the Duluth baseball league but when the Peachtree Ridge Youth Athletic Association began, they switched since it was close to their home.

Coffey became a staunch supporter of the association from the start. He was one of the first members, serving on the baseball board for two years.

"We live here in the Peachtree Ridge cluster, and I wanted to make sure that I could help try to contribute to growing a new youth organization," he said. "This community has blessed wife and me with supporting our businesses here in Gwinnett, and it's just something that we're able to give back and be able to contribute to try to make the extracurricular activities sporting events in the parks a better place for all the kids here in the Peachtree Ridge cluster."

As the owner of Gwinnett Place Ford and Gwinnett Place Nissan, Coffey has donated a convertible Mustang each year to the Young Life raffle, which also is one of the association's fundraising events. A-A is also a sponsor of the event.

"Casey has given a lot of money to the association, and not even just money but he's the one out there dragging the fields, lining the fields, working the concession stand," said Shari D. the association's treasurer, "He'll announce, he'll coach, he'll do whatever. He's on both sides always, he's not just writing checks. He takes it a step further."



