

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **The Burley Restoration Project is awarded grant from the Building Goodness Foundation**

CHARLOTTESVILLE (March 15, 2021) -- The Building Goodness Foundation has awarded a grant estimated at \$6,082, plus additional donated supplies and skilled labor, to the Burley Restoration Project to restore the bleachers.

Through the C'ville Builds program, BGF will repair and rebuild the bleachers in partnership with Hourigan Construction and The Associated General Contractors of Virginia Young Professionals group. Work is estimated to take up to six weeks, with the goal of restoring the bleachers to look like they did during the 1950's and '60s.

Courtney Polk, Deputy Director of Building Goodness Foundation said "BGF is thrilled to be part of this important project, and to play a role in supporting the history and stories of Burley and the African American community in Charlottesville."

H3 Baseball and the Burley Varsity Club have committed to restoring the field and facility at the historic Burley property. The bleacher project was one of the signature projects named. In total, more than \$1,000,000 in projects have been identified in this overall restoration. Included in the master plan are a Walk of Fame to honor past Burley students, teachers and administrators; a mural that depicts life at Burley painted by local artist Sahara Clemons; an all-turf baseball surface; an auxiliary field on the land where Jackie Robinson Little League used to be played; new scoreboard; press box; etc. Burley Middle School and Buford Middle School students are working with the UVA School of Architecture on planning and design.

If you would like to learn more about this project, please visit: [www.burleyrestorationproject.org](http://www.burleyrestorationproject.org). If you would like to make a donation to the Burley restoration, please email: [burleyrestorationproject@gmail.com](mailto:burleyrestorationproject@gmail.com) or call 434-409-1694.

#### **About H3 Baseball:**

Founded in 2010, H3 baseball is a Central Virginia based non-profit whose goal is to positively impact the lives of youth in Central Virginia by providing quality instruction, meaningful relationships, and unique opportunities through the game of baseball.

#### **About Burley Varsity Club:**

Founded in 2007, the Burley Varsity Club, is a non-profit intent on keeping the sports history and name of Jackson P. Burley High School alive.