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Since 1951, PONY Baseball and Softball has been dedicated to providing young athletes worldwide with a structured, competitive environment to hone their skills. PONY, which stands for “Protect Our Nation’s Youth,” has grown into one of the most recognized youth baseball and softball organizations, serving millions of players across more than 50 countries. By prioritizing age-appropriate competition and comprehensive player development, PONY ensures young athletes receive the training and opportunities they need to excel. Celebrating its Diamond Anniversary in 2026, PONY continues to champion the foundational values that help shape young people into healthier, happier adults.

Founded in Washington, Pennsylvania, PONY experienced rapid, word-of-mouth growth. By the conclusion of its second season in 1952, the original six Washington teams were joined by 505 others across 106 leagues nationwide. That same year, the organization hosted its first national tournament, marking the birth of the Pony League World Series.

To commemorate this three-quarter-century journey, PONY released a 75th-anniversary tribute video on July 1st. Produced by Dan Lohmann of Pikewood Creative, the video is available to view on YouTube and pony.org. Through compelling archival footage and powerful narrative storytelling, the production showcases the vast international community driving the PONY experience, honoring a 75-year legacy of athletic excellence, community impact, and character built beyond the diamond.

Reflecting on this incredible milestone, PONY's leadership highlighted the community of volunteers and families who have carried the organization's mission forward for three-quarters of a century:

“We are very proud of the 75-year history of PONY Baseball and Softball,” stated PONY President Abraham Key. “Millions of families have been positively impacted by their participation in PONY. We are grateful for our thousands of annual volunteers who make it possible for our players to participate in a fun and safe baseball and softball environment.”

The Diamond Anniversary celebrations will culminate at the upcoming Pony League World Series at the Historic Lew Hays PONY Field in Washington, PA. PONY warmly welcomes families, fans, and alumni from around the globe to join in honoring a historic past and welcoming the next generation of athletes to the field.

*“PONY Baseball and Softball is designed to **Protect Our Nation’s Youth** by providing experiences in youth baseball and softball that will help young people grow into healthier and happier adults.”*

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