Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Each and every day, I am reminded of the unparalleled history of Major League Baseball. The tradition of our game grows stronger not only because of the feats of our Clubs and their players on the field, but most importantly through their wide-ranging efforts to touch the communities in which they play and live. Their collective commitment to making an impact on the causes that baseball fans hold dear gives me the utmost pride to lead our National Pastime.

The exemplary philanthropic and charitable work of the 30 Major League Clubs is documented here in Major League Baseball’s 2014 Community Affairs Report. The pages that follow will vividly demonstrate the remarkable missions that unite all those who contribute to our game. With enthusiasm and imagination, our Clubs constantly use their platforms to benefit others and innovate new ways to give back to their fans.

As an industry, Major League Baseball continues to support national partners – such as Stand Up To Cancer, Welcome Back Veterans and Boys & Girls Clubs of America – that inspire us as they vigorously pursue worthy goals. Jackie Robinson, who paved new roads in our game and our society as a whole, once said, “Life is not a spectator sport.” MLB’s 2014 Community Affairs Report illustrates the many ways in which our game strives to live up to its significant social responsibilities through compassion, gratitude and action.

Sincerely,

Allan H. (Bud) Selig
Commissioner of Baseball
Major League Baseball, the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA) and the Boston Red Sox announced a combined $600,000 donation to assist the victims and families affected by the bombing at the 2013 Boston Marathon. Major League Baseball and the MLBPA donated a combined $500,000, and the Boston Red Sox contributed $100,000 to One Fund Boston.

Contributions from Red Sox fans at Fenway Park raised additional funds. Major League Baseball encouraged fans to donate to One Fund Boston through national telecasts on FOX, ESPN, TBS and MLB Network and promoted the charity with signage behind home plate. MLB.com, RedSox.com, and MLBPlayers.com also promoted the Fund and accepted donations. In addition, MLB licensee ‘47 Brand produced caps featuring the B Strong logo with the Red Sox stylized B for sale with 100% of the $1.4 million proceeds donated to One Fund Boston. The jerseys with the B Strong patch worn by the Red Sox in their first homestand following the tragedy were auctioned and generated more than $300,000. Donations from MLB, the Boston Red Sox, the MLBPA and ‘47 Brand combined totaled more than $2.4 million for One Fund Boston.

In 2013 Major League Baseball announced an expansion of its efforts to help returning American veterans and their families with a new $10 million donation to Welcome Back Veterans. This support brings MLB’s total commitment to Welcome Back Veterans to $30 million since 2008. Welcome Back Veterans, an initiative of MLB charities and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, helps servicemen and servicewomen make a successful transition to civilian life. Welcome Back Veterans provides grants to hospitals and clinics that provide post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment to veterans and their families at Centers of Excellence at University hospitals throughout the country. Welcome Back Veterans is funding programs at Weill Cornell in New York, the University of Michigan, Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Duke University in North Carolina, Emory University in Atlanta, UCLA and the Red Sox’s Home Base Program at Mass General Hospital in Boston. These institutions are developing new programs and strategies to improve the quality, quantity and accessibility to PTSD and traumatic brain injury (TBI) treatment for veterans, particularly those returning from duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Additional support for the program in 2013 came through Bank of America, the official bank of Major League Baseball, and the “Express Your Thanks” campaign. Launched on Memorial Day and running through Veterans Day, a total of more than $1 million was donated to Welcome Back Veterans and Wounded Warrior Project. For more information see welcomebackveterans.org.

Major League Baseball and the Clubs commeromated the anniversary of September 11, 2001 with on-field tributes at Major League games. The remembrance was part of Baseball’s ongoing and league-wide effort to remember those whose lives were lost and affected by that tragic day. Home Clubs marked the anniversary with pre-game ceremonies, including a moment of silence, and the “We Shall Not Forget” MLB silk-blocked batter ribbon, which was displayed throughout ballparks on Wednesday, September 11, 2013. Also, special lineup cards and base jewels were used for every game played. All on-field personnel, including players, coaches and umpires, wore an American flag patch embroidered on the side of their cap.
In its 27th year in 2013, B.A.T. is a unique organization within the sports industry dedicated to assisting members of the “Baseball Family” who are in need. Through charitable contributions from corporations, foundations and individuals, B.A.T. strives to provide a means of support to people with financial, medical or psychological burdens. The majority of the funds raised by B.A.T. come from MLB players, who contribute through a payroll deduction program.

Baseball Hall of Famers Yogi Berra, Rollie Fingers and Reggie Jackson joined more than 100 current and former Major Leaguers at the 24th annual “Going to Bat for B.A.T.” Fundraising Dinner in New York City. More than $29 million in grants have been awarded to date, benefiting more than 3,100 members of the Baseball Family. For more information, visit baseballassistanceteam.com, on Twitter @BATcharity or find them on Facebook.

Major League Baseball and the Players Association made a joint $100,000 donation to help support individuals and families impacted by the April 17, 2013 explosion and fire in the central Texas town of West. Major League Baseball encouraged fans to contribute to the cause and accepted donations online. The Texas Rangers organized a number of relief efforts, including collections of items such as cash and gift cards as well as hosting a blood drive. The Rangers hosted a “City of West Night” at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, providing game tickets, t-shirts and food coupons to over 1,500 residents of West, Texas. The city received cash donations from Major League Baseball, the MLBPA, the Texas Rangers, and the Texas Rangers Foundation. The Rangers’ new Busch Stadium also donated a truck to the city during the pregame ceremony.

ARIZONA WILDFIRE

Major League Baseball honored the 19 firefighters who died fighting the Yarnell, AZ fire, and the Diamondbacks played a series of tributes. A moment of silence was observed before every Major League game on Monday, July 1, including the one between the Diamondbacks and Mets at Citi Field in New York, where an honorary No. 19 jersey hung in each dugout.

On July 5, the Diamondbacks honored the fallen firefighters with a special pregame ceremony, the D-backs and Rockies observed a 19-second moment of silence followed by a photo montage in memory of the lost firefighters and a performance of “Amazing Grace.” D-backs also auctioned game-worn and autographed black Arizona tribute jerseys from the July 5-7 series and signed nameplates from the D-backs Clubhouse.

Major League Baseball donated $200,000 to UNICEF and the American Red Cross to assist with disaster relief efforts in the Philippines, which was struck by Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms on record. Additionally, MLB encouraged baseball fans to support UNICEF and the Red Cross via public service announcements, programming mentions and editorial coverage on MLB Network and MLB.com.

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Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C) is a groundbreaking initiative created to accelerate innovative cancer research that will get new therapies to patients quickly and save lives now. SU2C brings together the best and brightest researchers and encouraging collaboration instead of competition among the entire cancer community.

The 2013 Major League Baseball Winter Meetings brought back another league-wide Stand Up To Cancer auction that offered fans rare Baseball experiences. The tribute raised over $150,000 for SU2C. Major League Baseball and its 30 Clubs have donated more than $30 million to SU2C. As a founding donor, MLB has conducted significant awareness-building efforts for Stand Up To Cancer through public service announcements, in-stadium promotions and fundraising events, and has dedicated one World Series game to the initiative for each of the past four years. For more information, please visit MLB.com/SU2C.

On Mother’s Day 2013, players, managers, team personnel and fans around baseball honored the women who have made sacrifices and been influential in their lives, while raising awareness for breast cancer.

Many players used special-edition Louisville Slugger pink bats, wore pink Franklin batting gloves, pink Phiten necklaces and pink sweaters. For the first time ever, MLB introduced a new Rawlings baseball with pink stitching and graphics as the official game ball used for all contests on Mother’s Day. Commemorative bases, jerseys and dugout lineup cards also were pink. Since 2006, game-used pink Louisville Slugger bats have been auctioned on MLB.com to further raise funds to support the fight against breast cancer.

For the fifth consecutive year, Major League Baseball recognized 30 women, who, out of thousands, participated in the Honorary Bat Girl contest. This campaign recognizes baseball fans who have been affected by breast cancer and who demonstrate a commitment to eradicating the disease. Winners were selected by fan votes on HonoraryBatGirl.com, along with feedback from a guest judging panel that included Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia, Dodgers outfielder Matt Kemp, Pirates outfielder Andrew McCutchen, Royals outfielder Alex Gordon, MLB Network host and reporter Sam Ryan and Maria Menounos of Extra TV.

Going to Bat Against Breast Cancer is a Major League Baseball initiative supported by its charitable partners Stand Up To Cancer and Susan G. Komen. For more information visit komen.org.
During 2013 Father’s Day weekend, Major League Baseball teamed up with the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) and Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C) in Baseball’s annual effort to raise awareness for prostate cancer and fundraise for research to fight the disease.

On Father’s Day, MLB players, managers, coaches, trainers, umpires, and groundskeepers wore blue wristbands and blue ribbon uniform decals in support of the cause. Clubs also hosted pre-game ceremonies and used commemorative blue line-up cards.

SU2C and PCF unveiled a new Prostate Cancer awareness campaign featuring music industry icon and prostate cancer survivor Quincy Jones and his daughter, actress Rashida Jones.

The PCF Home Run Challenge continued in 2013. For each home run hit during 84 select MLB games leading up to Father’s Day, fans made monetary donations and pledges to PCF. There were 143 home runs hit in the 2013 challenge, raising nearly $17,000 per home run, for a total of $2.4 million towards prostate cancer research.

For more information about PCF, please visit PCF.org.

Promoting a Lifetime of Activity (P.L.A.Y.) for Youth is a public awareness campaign of the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers Society® (PBATS) in partnership with the Taylor Hooton Foundation (www.TaylorHooton.org).

Created in 2004, P.L.A.Y. aims to combat child obesity and promote healthy living and decision-making among young people using the appeal of MLB teams, ballparks and players/coaches. In 2013, each MLB Club hosted a P.L.A.Y. event, and since 2004, PBATS has conducted over 125 P.L.A.Y. events at all 30 MLB ballparks. Participants have included Boys & Girls Clubs, RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) programs and other local organizations.

New to P.L.A.Y. in 2013 was a partnership with the National Baseball Hall of Fame and its B.A.S.E. (Be A Superior Example) program, that featured appearances by Hall of Famers in five select cities. For more information visit pbats.org

For the 15th year, Major League Baseball and the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) helped Clubs, players and fans “Play Sun Smart.” Play Sun Smart is a league-wide initiative designed to raise awareness about the importance of sun safety and skin cancer prevention. In addition to promoting the sun safety message, the program provides skin cancer screenings for all 30 MLB Clubs – players, on-field personnel and off-field personnel.

In 2013, all 30 Clubs dedicated a game to the “Play Sun Smart” program. For more information, visit MLBCommunity.org.
Commonly referred to as “Lou Gehrig’s disease” – for the Hall of Famer who died from ALS in 1941 at the age of 37 – Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is a deadly disease that destroys the nerve cells controlling muscles, and ultimately causes complete paralysis.

In 2013, Major League Baseball continued its League-wide support of the 4•ALS initiative in partnership with leading nonprofit ALS organizations dedicated to raising funds and awareness to fight this disease. Working with Autism Speaks and other autism awareness organizations, many Clubs recognized local families during pre-game ceremonies, and members of the autism community participated in various traditional baseball activities, including throwing the first pitch, singing the National Anthem, announcing “Play Ball!”, singing “Take Me Out to the Ballgame,” or performing “God Bless America.” For more information visit MLBCommunity.org

Major League Baseball teamed up with Autism Speaks, the world’s leading autism science and advocacy organization, in a league-wide effort to recognize Autism Awareness Month in April, and throughout the season. All 30 MLB Clubs raised awareness for the disorder during at least one home game throughout the regular season. Many of the MLB Autism Awareness games throughout the league provided special opportunities and a safe, friendly environment for families and individuals affected by autism. For more information visit MLBCommunity.org

Major League Baseball and The Partnership at Drugfree.org work together to educate teens and their parents about the risks of drug use and the benefit of drug avoidance. Through mass media campaigns and grassroots outreach, MLB and The Partnership provide research-based educational campaigns designed to increase parent/teen involvement in drug education by making parents aware of their teen’s vulnerability and inspiring them to take preventive steps. While providing resources targeted at preventing the use of all types of drugs among young people, MLB and The Partnership have collaborated on groundbreaking work in the area of performance enhancing drug prevention, including national public service announcements, outreach programs through state high school athletic associations and a first-of-its-kind online resource. This also includes the annual Commissioner’s Play Healthy Awards to celebrate extraordinary individuals on and off the playing field. The awards are an extension of both organizations’ comprehensive efforts, including the Play Healthy website, to educate families on the risks of steroids and performance enhancing substances, and to recognize youth coaches and student athletes who embody the spirit of teamwork and healthy, drug-free competition.

For more information, visit www.drugfree.org

For more information visit MLBCommunity.org
Commissioner Selig and MLB celebrated Jackie Robinson’s longstanding legacy by retiring Robinson’s number throughout the League in 1997, and since 2004, dedicating April 15th as Jackie Robinson Day in his memory. Robinson played his first Major League game at Ebbets Field on April 15, 1947 as a first baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

On April 15th, 2013, all players and on-field personnel paid tribute to the legendary barrier breaker by wearing his number 42. Clubs observed Jackie Robinson Day with special pre-game ceremonies in their ballparks and featured Jackie Robinson Day base jewels and lineup cards.

Along with editorial coverage and tribute videos posted online on MLB, Community, and Club websites, a special thank you was offered to Robinson via social media. In a coordinated effort at 9:42 AM on Jackie Robinson Day, MLB, Clubs, and players invited everyone on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to join in commemorating Jackie with a special worldwide thank you using #Jackie42. Photos tagged #Jackie42 were also curated on iam42.com.

Thousands of teenagers across the United States and Canada went to the movies, courtesy of Major League Baseball and all 30 Clubs. Private screenings were held for the acclaimed film “42,” with Clubs inviting students in the eighth through 12th grades to attend private screenings at local theaters. Commissioner Selig personally hosted the first event on April 23 in Milwaukee along with Sharon Robinson, MLB Educational Programming consultant and daughter of Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson. For more information, visit jackierobinson.org.
The Roberto Clemente Award is given annually to the Major League Baseball player who combines a dedication to giving back to the community with outstanding skills on the baseball field. Named for the 15-time All-Star and Hall of Famer who died in a plane crash on New Year’s Eve 1972 while attempting to deliver supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua, the Award pays tribute to Clemente’s achievements and character by recognizing talented current players who truly understand the value of helping others.

Carlos Beltran was named the 2013 national winner of the Roberto Clemente Award presented by Chevrolet at a press conference in St. Louis prior to Game Three of the World Series. Carlos and his wife Jessica founded the Carlos Beltran Foundation with the mission of empowering young people to achieve their dreams through sports and education. As part of the Foundation’s efforts, the Beltrases opened the “Carlos Beltran Baseball Academy” (CBBA) in Puerto Rico, which provides an opportunity to develop talented young athletes while offering a first-rate education. Beltran, who has personally given more than $4 million toward the Academy, created the CBBA as a means of giving others the opportunities that he did not have when he was a teenager in Puerto Rico.

For more information, visit MLBCommunity.org.

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Tampa Bay Rays – David Price
Texas Rangers – Ian Kinsler
Washington Nationals – Ryan Zimmerman

The 30 Club nominees for the 2013 Roberto Clemente Award Presented by Chevrolet featured 22 MLB All Stars.

The Roberto Clemente Day is celebrated at all 30 MLB Ballparks to honor the memory of Roberto Clemente and to recognize each Club’s contribution to the baseball community.
RBI is the Major League Baseball youth initiative designed to provide underserved youth with an opportunity to play baseball and softball, promote character development, encourage academic success, and teach the value of teamwork. MLB supports RBI leagues by providing resources that help reduce the cost of playing the game. Also provided are resources that allow the local RBI programs to impact their youth off the field. In 2013, more than 200 RBI programs in more than 200 cities worldwide provided baseball and softball opportunities to more than 210,000 young men and women ages 5-18.

The 2013 RBI World Series, hosted by the Minnesota Twins for the third consecutive year, marked the 21st year of the event. The Series featured 34 youth baseball and softball RBI teams representing 18 cities from the U.S. and the Dominican Republic. Games were played throughout Minneapolis and St. Paul, with the baseball championship games at Target Field, home of the Minnesota Twins. The softball championship game was played at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium at the University of Minnesota. For more information visit MLB.com/rbi.

Commissioner Selig greeted the 2013 baseball division participants in the Carew Atrium at Target Field. Joining the Commissioner were Sharon Robinson and Twins legend Tony Oliva. Other World Series activities included a Day of Service component where all participating teams prepared meals for Kids Against Hunger. The Commissioner of National Pro-Fast Pitch Cheri Kempf served as the keynote speaker for the softball closing banquet. Boys & Girls Club of Venice RBI captured the Junior Baseball division championship, Harrisburg RBI won the Senior Baseball division, and RBI Atlanta claimed its 8th Softball Championship.

This program provides annual scholarships up to $5,000 to 12 selected RBI players who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership skills, financial need and plan on attending an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, vocational school or technical school. Since 2008, 64 scholarships have been awarded.

### 2013 RECIPIENTS

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Entering its 17th year of partnership in 2013, Major League Baseball and Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) continued to create unique opportunities for the nearly four million boys and girls served by Boys & Girls Clubs across the world. Major League Baseball provides millions of dollars in exposure to Boys and Girls Clubs through player supported PSAs, TV drop-ins, behind-home-plate signage and on MLB web pages. These efforts are highlighted during MLB All-Star Week and include field builds and renovations, building and room refurbishments, and the planting of community gardens.

The partnership includes a contribution by Major League Baseball to BGCA to underwrite the cost of implementing WANNA PLAY?, a health and fitness program to help young people become active and fit. Major League Baseball also supports Boys & Girls Clubs. Nearly 100 Boys & Girls Clubs sites provided Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) (ages 13-18) and Jr. RBI (ages 5-12) playing divisions to nearly 75,000 youth. Current and former MLB players who grew up at local Boys & Girls Clubs include Jimmy Rollins, CC Sabathia and Baseball Hall of Famers Joe Morgan and Frank Robinson. Visit greatfutures.org for more information.

Nickelodeon’s Worldwide Day of Play

Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) activated for Nickelodeon’s Worldwide Day of Play 10th Anniversary health and wellness event at Prospect Park in Brooklyn, New York. Approximately 35,000 people attended the free event that encourages kids of all ages to get outside and play to stay physically active.

Major League Baseball has partnered with the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation and Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) since 2007 to provide financial support to help talented young people pursue their dreams. The program’s mission is to “promote youth development by providing funding to programs that support the achievements of young people to enable them to develop their talents and pursue their dreams.”

The program annually distributes up to 44 grants of up to $2,500 each in honor of Hank Aaron’s legendary number 44 jersey to BGCA members across the country and on military bases around the world. Grantees make sacrifices to rise above difficult circumstances to follow their passions. The program provides opportunities to perform in front of new audiences, practice with professionals, purchase equipment, inspire and be inspired.

For more information, visit MLBcommunity.org.
The World Baseball Classic takes place every four years, and in 2013, three host cities in the United States invited local youth baseball programs, charities, and non-profit organizations to the semi-final and final games of the 28-country international tournament. Phoenix, Arizona hosted first round games, Miami, Florida hosted second round games and San Francisco, California hosted the championship round.

Commissioner’s Community Initiative

Commissioner Selig created the Commissioner’s Community Initiative to provide tickets throughout the baseball season to those who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience the thrill of attending a Major League Baseball game. MLB Clubs have distributed more than 12.7 million tickets since the program’s inception in 2004, including more than 1.5 million throughout the 2013 regular season. For more information, visit MLBCommunity.org.

In 2013, Major League Baseball once again partnered with the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA) for the fifth consecutive year to implement the MLB & Players Give Back program to distribute tickets to children, charities supported by the MLBPA and community and civil groups whose members would not usually have a chance to attend a Major League Baseball game. Since its inception in 2009, MLB Clubs have distributed more than 4.7 million tickets through this program, including one million in 2013. For more information, visit MLBCommunity.org.

The National Champions of the 2013 Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run competition presented by Scotts were crowned Monday, July 15 at Citi Field in New York, City as part of Gatorade All-Star Workout Day. Pitch, Hit & Run (PHR) invites youth to demonstrate their skills by competing in pitching, hitting and running competitions. Scotts, the “Official Lawn Care Company of Major League Baseball,” is in its first year sponsoring the grassroots program. PHR participants can advance through four levels of competition beginning at the local level, which can be hosted by organizations, leagues, or volunteers within a community, and continuing through sectional and team competitions.

All 30 MLB Clubs hosted team championships at their ballparks on weekends in June. The top three competitors nationwide from each age group (7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14) in both baseball and softball divisions advanced to the 2013 Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run presented by Scotts National Finals. For more information visit MLB.com/phr.

The National Pro Fastpitch (NPF)/Major League Baseball Official Development Partner relationship was created as an off-shoot of Commissioner Selig’s Initiative for Women and Baseball to help grow the love of the game with female audiences. As the only professional women’s fastpitch softball league in the United States, National Pro Fastpitch works with MLB to expose more young players and their families to the excitement of diamond sports. NPF is home to many former Olympic medalists and collegiate players. These women are accomplished in their sport and dedicated to serving as role models for America’s young girls. Over the last ten years, MLB has supported NPF in a variety of ways while helping to showcase the sport with national audiences. NPF has worked with MLB to stage player appearances, clinics, and promotions with various MLB Clubs. See www.profastpitch.com for more information.
In 2013, the MLB Urban Youth Academies in Compton (California), Houston (Texas), and New Orleans (Louisiana) collectively welcomed nearly 5,000 young people, ranging in ages 6 to 21, to free on-field instruction, clinics, tournaments, camps, and leagues. Additionally, educational assistance in the form of tutoring, SAT preparation courses, and career path management is provided to nearly 200 youth annually.

In 2013, two Compton Academy alumni were drafted in the first round of the MLB Player Draft – Dominic Smith (11th overall, NYM) and JP Crawford (16th overall, PHI). Dominic and JP joined more than 200 former Academy players who have been drafted. In addition, over the brief history of the Academies more than 300 players have gone on to receive collegiate opportunities and/or have pursued careers as professional umpires, coaches, scouts, and others.

Aaron Hicks, another former Compton Academy product, was named the Opening Day center fielder for the Minnesota Twins, joining Trayvon Robinson, Efren Navarro, and Anthony Gose as alumni who reached the Major Leagues. Due to the success of the existing facilities, the family of MLB Urban Youth Academies is set to expand with additional sites under development in Cincinnati, Philadelphia, and Hialeah (Florida).

Established in 2008, the annual collegiate tournament highlights Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs). The 2013 event featured three days of games between Alabama State University (Montgomery, Alabama), Southern University (Baton Rouge, Louisiana), Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View, Texas) and Texas Southern University (Houston, Texas); all of which were played at Minute Maid Park and included an MLB Network broadcast, a college and career fair for local youth, a battle of the bands, and a youth clinic.

The sixth annual Breakthrough Series, which showcases a diverse group of some of the top high school baseball players from across the country, was in Houston, Texas from July 23 to July 25 at the Houston Astros MLB Urban Youth Academy and Minute Maid Park. The event featured 60 prospects, most of which were African-American. The Breakthrough Series is a joint effort by Major League Baseball and USA Baseball to promote urban youth in baseball, and is completely cost-free for participants who are selected by invitation only.

Prospects participating in the Breakthrough Series have been recommended by Major League Baseball, USA Baseball, MLB Urban Youth Academies, Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI), the MLB Scouting Bureau, the Chicago White Sox and Minor League Baseball. Activities for the participants included workouts, instruction from former Major League players and games at the Houston Astros MLB Urban Youth Academy. At the close of the weekend, a showcase game between all 60 players took place at Minute Maid Park and aired on MLB Network. In addition to the on-field action, participants received daily presentations from current and former Major League players, scouts, college administrators, umpires and other industry professionals.

Nearly 90 past participants of the Breakthrough Series have been selected in the MLB First-Year Player Draft, including 43 in the 2012 and 2013 drafts. Alumni of the event represent approximately 20% of all African-American players on MLB-affiliated rosters.

Each year, USA Baseball, in partnership with MLB, organizes the Tournament of Stars presented by Major League Baseball, which is the primary vehicle used by USA Baseball in selecting the 16U national team. Throughout the five-day event, top 18U High School baseball players from around the country compete in a championship tournament representing a member organization or as part of the “at-large” USA Stars team, and participated in the scout evaluation day. Following the gold medal game, players were selected to participate in the 18U National Team Trials & Training and the Prospect Classic.
The Civil Rights Game first pitch ceremony consisted of a generational “passing of the ball” representing baseball’s critical role in the civil rights movement. The ceremony featured Ernie Westfield, former Negro Leagues pitcher for the Birmingham Black Barons; Minnie Minoso, former Negro League, White Sox legend and the first professional athlete of color in Chicago; Sharon Robinson, daughter of Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson and MLB Educational Programming Consultant; Larry Doby, Jr., son of Hall of Famer Larry Doby; Jamal Martin, member of the White Sox Amateur City Elite (ACE) team; and Joseph Debrah, participant in MLB’s Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program.

The MLB Beacon Awards Luncheon, which recognizes individuals whose lives have been emblematic of the spirit of the civil rights movement, recipients were Bo Jackson and Aretha Franklin, and renowned journalist and author Michael Wilbon delivered a rousing keynote address. For more information visit MLB.com/civilrightsgame.

In June 2013, MLB and the Houston Astros co-hosted the MLB Diversity Business Summit, a diversity employment and business opportunity trade fair designed to provide job seekers and entrepreneurs with an opportunity to network directly with decision-makers for League-wide employment and business opportunities. The two-day event, held at The George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, provided attendees with unprecedented access to human resources and procurement executives from all 30 MLB Clubs, MLB Network, MLB Advanced Media, Minor League Baseball Clubs and MLB’s Central Office. Included in the program were breakout sessions and workshops for attendees, a roundtable discussion with MLB Club owners and executives, and a keynote address from Commissioner Selig. The event, which attracted more than 800 registrants, concluded with a reception and a game at Minute Maid Park, for more information visit MLB.com/diversitysummit.

B’nai B’rith International bestowed Major League Baseball Commissioner Allan H. “Bud” Selig with the Distinguished Humanitarian Award on June 27 at the St. Regis New York. The B’nai B’rith Distinguished Humanitarian Award recognizes personal and professional commitments to improving the lives of others at the community and global levels.

During the 2013 RBI Institute, representatives from GLAAD and You Can Play served as presenters and moderators for a group session addressing the issues of LGBT athletes and their participation in youth sports.

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Major League Baseball is committed to ensuring baseball is open to all players, fans, etc. regardless of sexual orientation. MLB and the MLBPA agreed to undertake new actions to reinforce its workplace anti-discrimination policies, including the creation and dissemination of a Workplace Code of Conduct to be distributed to every Major and Minor League player and posted in each locker room conveying MLB’s non-discrimination policies. The League also agreed to implement new training opportunities for Club officials and create a centralized complaint system for reporting incidents involving harassment and discrimination.

MLB and its Clubs participated in Spirit Day, the annual day dedicated to standing up against bullying in support of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth. MLB and Club participation included messages of support through social media channels, social media avatars taking on a purple hue (the official color to recognize the day), and a scoreboard message encouraging fans to support the cause during Game 5 of the American League Division Series.

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MLB conducted training sessions for Club and League officials and staff at the tri-annual Industry Meetings, where non-profit awareness organization Athlete Ally made a special presentation to all attendees.
Major League Baseball and Commissioner Selig named the Detroit Tigers as the 2013 recipient of the Commissioner’s Award for Philanthropic Excellence, which was created in 2010 to recognize the charitable and philanthropic efforts of MLB Clubs. The Tigers were acknowledged for their “Detroit Tigers Anti-Bullying” program, a free, Michigan-wide educational program designed to help students and teachers manage the issue of bullying in schools. The Detroit Tigers Foundation, an affiliate of Ilitch Charities, received a $10,000 grant from Major League Baseball as part of the recognition.

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) is a joint initiative between the Major League Baseball Players Association and Major League Baseball designed to promote the growth of youth baseball and softball throughout the world by awarding grants to support field renovation and construction projects, equipment and uniform purchases, training material for coaches and other program expenses. Since its formation by MLB and the MLBPA in 1999, BTF has awarded more than 700 grants totaling $24 million to non-profit and tax-exempt organizations in the U.S., Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa and Asia. Approximately 330,000 youth players have benefited from programs and facilities supported by the fund. BTF also facilitates league-wide initiatives including the collection and distribution of new and gently used equipment to organizations in need as well as field maintenance education clinics. For more information, visit baseballtomorrowfund.com and follow BTF on Facebook, Twitter and MLB.Blogs.

Social responsibility is one of the main tenets of Major League Baseball’s operations in the Dominican Republic. Corporate citizenship continues to serve as the impetus for many projects that give back to a country that has produced and continues to produce many Major League players.

MLB’s Latin America Office in Santo Domingo has coordinated with MLB Clubs, executives and players to implement sustainable development projects and programs aimed at improving education and other worthy efforts in local Dominican communities. In 2013, education was a top priority for the players at the Cubs Dominican Republic academies. The message of the importance of continuing their education while training was conveyed throughout the country via initiatives at the academies, public schools, independent training programs and other venues where aspiring players could be reached. The MLB Latin America Office is coordinating a pilot program offering both high school and English classes at all five academies in the Dominican Republic. The office also offers workshops that cover personal and professional development. The workshops are provided by governmental institutions, as well as strategic partners, including the Taylor Hooton Foundation, that educate players at the academies while they hone their baseball skills. Updates on the MLB DR office initiatives can be found on www.mlb.com/dr (English website) or www.mlb.com/RD (Spanish website) on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mlbDDA; and on Twitter at MLB_DR (www.twitter.com/mlb_dr).
Contributes financially and through production donations, to national, regional and local organizations that encourage and develop amateur athletic programs, or conduct educational, youth development, health-related or civic or charitable activities.
As part of MLB All-Star Legacy projects, Major League Baseball and the New York Mets helped renovate two baseball fields in Queens: O’Donohue Park and Hinton Park. Construction of Hinton Park was completed by Ripken Fields, a division of the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation. The Scotts Company, LLC, the Official Lawn Care Company of Major League Baseball, provided support for the O’Donohue Park project.

As part of its All-Star Week celebration, Major League Baseball contributed more than $1 million to the Robin Hood Relief Fund and the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City in support of Superstorm Sandy relief efforts. The two major events – the All-Star 5K & Fun Run Benefiting Sandy Relief presented by Nike and the free MLB All-Star Charity Concert benefiting Sandy Relief – took place on Saturday, July 13.

The 2013 MLB All-Star Charity Concert benefiting Sandy Relief took place during All-Star Week on the iconic Great Lawn in New York City’s Central Park. The Concert featured the New York Philharmonic with a special guest appearance by multiple Grammy Award winner Mariah Carey. In conjunction with the concert, Major League Baseball made a $1.25 million donation for Sandy Relief efforts. MLB Executive Vice President, Baseball Operations Joe Torre made a special appearance and read the classic baseball poem “Casey At the Bat.” Blockbuster, Chevrolet, MasterCard and Pepsi provided sponsorship support for the Concert.

Major League Baseball and New York Road Runners (NYRR) held the 4th annual All-Star 5K & Fun Run presented by Nike in Brooklyn’s Prospect Park during MLB All-Star Weekend. Prior to the race, participants were met by a number of Major League Baseball legends and mascots, who also congratulated the runners as they crossed the finish line. Among those in attendance were legendary manager Tony La Russa, Hall of Famer Frank Robinson and former Mets John Franco, Dwight Gooden, Ed Charles, Ed Kranepool, Art Shamsky, and Barry Lyons.
Major League Baseball hosted the fifth annual Jr. RBI Classic in conjunction with the 2013 All-Star Game. Eight baseball and four softball teams participated in a friendly 40-game tournament. Jr. RBI (playing divisions for ages 5-12) is a feeder program for the 13-18 year baseball and softball divisions of the Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities program. Jr. RBI Classic partners include the Mets, the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation and Harlem RBI.

The RBI program is a Major League Baseball youth initiative designed to provide opportunities to play baseball and softball, to encourage excellence and achievement in education, and to teach the value of teamwork and other important life lessons for young people, ages 5 to 18, from underserved and urban communities.

Additionally, Scotts is supporting the project landscaping renovations with product donations.

Magical Builders, a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization that partners with community children, local and national businesses, and volunteers to renovate and improve facilities of children’s non-profit organizations across the country.
Major League Baseball and the Mets hosted a Challenger-Champions Game Friday, July 12, on-field at Citi Field. Individuals with special needs from the Glen Oaks Little League Challenger Program and Queens Kiwanis PONY Baseball Champions League each got one at-bat and played the field defensively. Mr. Met and NY Mets alum Dwight ‘Doc’ Gooden made a special appearance.

Major League Baseball and the New York Mets, in partnership with Starlight Children’s Foundation, made a Fun Center donation to Coney Island Hospital to help seriously ill children cope with their pain, fear and isolation. The entertainment unit includes a Nintendo gaming system, a DVD player and a flat screen monitor. Coney Island Hospital was one of the hospitals severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy. Guests at the ribbon cutting included MLB Goodwill Ambassador Vera Clemente, former Met Ed Kranepool, and Club mascots Mr. Met and Slugerrr of the Kansas City Royals. Since 2005, 66 MLB-sponsored Starlight Fun Centers have been donated to pediatric care units.

Major League Baseball, the New York Mets and Magical Builders partnered with the New York City Department of Education, NYC Administration for Children’s Services, SCO Family of Services, and the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City to support FirstStepNYC, a New York City mayoral initiative. FirstStepNYC recognizes the value of investing in a child’s first five years, when critical learning opportunities occur. The ultimate goal is to ensure vulnerable and at-risk children start off school ready, and remain on a path toward college and career readiness. MLB and the Mets supported the development of a newly renovated outdoor space to be used both by children of FirstStepNYC and those enrolled at the school. The protected play-space and nature center is located within an interior courtyard at the school and will provide opportunities for children of various ages, from infants/toddlers to students in elementary and middle school, to engage in ongoing health, literacy and science activities. The renovated courtyard features a green area for gardening and science activities and a reading literacy corner. Scotts, the official lawn care company of Major League Baseball, contributed to this project.

COURTYARD DEDICATION
MLB and the Mets held a ceremony on “The Diamond sponsored by T-Mobile” at T-Mobile All-Star FanFest to commemorate a donation through All-Star Game Legacy funds of 25 sports wheelchairs for adaptive athletes who participate in Wheelchair Sports Federation (WSF) activities. The ceremony included former Met Dave Kingman.

Wheelchair Sports Federation (WSF) is a national non-profit that provides opportunities for disabled and wheelchair-bound adults and youth to play sports recreationally and competitively. WSF is committed to promoting and educating the public about the proven physical and psychological benefits of adaptive sports at all levels.

Legacy funds helped feed New Yorkers in need through support of City Harvest’s fleet of refrigerated trucks which were damaged during Superstorm Sandy. To commemorate the support, former Met Ed Charles and Mr. Met helped make a delivery of food to Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen in New York City with the City Harvest truck, wrapped in 2013 MLB All-Star signage, that was donated by MLB and the New York Mets.

Founded in 1982, City Harvest is the world’s first food rescue organization - dedicated to feeding the city’s hungry men, women and children. In 2013, City Harvest collected 46 million pounds of excess food and delivered it free of charge to community food programs throughout New York City for 30 years. City Harvest rescues excess food from all segments of the food industry, including restaurants, grocers, corporate cafeterias, manufacturers, and farms, and delivers it free of charge to more than 500 community food programs throughout New York City and feeding more than one million New Yorkers each year.

TEAM Coalition partnered with MLB and Budweiser in support of the national Responsibility Has Its Rewards campaign and sweepstakes to promote designated driver programs with all 30 MLB Clubs. A record 511,770 MLB fans made the pledge to be designated drivers during the 2013 season. One of the Responsibility Has Its Rewards sweepstakes winners enjoyed a trip to New York, New York for the 2013 MLB All-Star Game and FanFest.

Brian Santarcangelo, Designated Driver of the Season for the Miami Marlins, attended the 2013 MLB All-Star Game and Chevrolet Home Run Derby at Citi Field, home of the New York Mets. Brian was recognized on the Citi Field video board during the 84th MLB All-Star Game.

2013 marked the tenth season that MLB, TEAM Coalition and Budweiser collaborated to promote responsible fan behavior through the Responsibility Has Its Rewards campaign. In those ten years, fan participation in designated driver programs has more than tripled.

MLB hosted seven young people with life-threatening illnesses from the Make-A-Wish Foundation whose wish was to attend the MLB All-Star Game. The children met Commissioner Selig, All-Star and Futures Game players, MLB legends, mascots and celebrities, and attended a special VIP reception, the T-Mobile All-Star FanFest, SiriusXM Satellite Futures Game, Chevrolet Home Run Derby and All-Star Game. Since 2000, MLB has granted 85 wishes to attend the All-Star Game and World Series.

For more information, visit wish.org.

Major League Baseball hosted the 2013 Breaking Barriers Essay Contest grand prize winner, Luke Lunday, a fifth-grader from West Point, NY during All-Star Week. Luke’s winning essay was chosen from 18,700 entries from across the country and Canada. For more information, visit mlb.com/community.org/breakingbarriers.
Major League Baseball and the Mets shared the commitment to provide All-Star Week experiences to a diversified audience. MLB worked with Tickets for Kids Charities to distribute T-Mobile All-Star FanFest tickets to local not-for-profits. Tickets for Kids Charities is a non-profit organization committed to enriching the lives of children by obtaining tickets to a wide variety of local arts, cultural, educational, sporting and family entertainment events and donating the tickets to over 700 community-based organizations that serve children and their families.

Non-profit organizations including the March of Dimes, Starlight NY, St. John’s University, the Turn 2 Foundation and Harlem RBI were allocated tickets to enhance their fundraising efforts.

MLB community partners participated in a new fund-raising program as part of 2013 MLB All-Star Week. Friends/supporters of the respective community partners purchased a T-Mobile All-Star FanFest ticket for a special discounted price, with part of the purchase price going directly back to the partner.

As part of Major League Baseball’s ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship, MLB again partnered with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) to help ensure that the 84th Annual All-Star Game and All-Star Week 2013 incorporated environmentally intelligent features, including the following:

• Creating an “All-Star Green Team” to collect recyclables at in-stadium events
• Prioritizing recycling and composting of materials at events throughout MLB All-Star Week leading to more than 61 tons of waste diverted
• Addressing energy and water usage through efficiency measures and by investing in renewable energy offsets and water restoration credits to offset all water and energy used at Citi Field during All-Star Week
• Raising awareness about the importance of “going green” via public service announcements in-stadium and environmental education materials online (MLB.com/green)

MLB, the Mets and Rock and Wrap It Up! worked together to arrange for the recovery of food prepared but not served or sold at All-Star Week events to feed members of the local community in need. Approximately 500 lbs. of food, 385 total meals, and over 400 lbs. of CO2 emission-reduction resulted from food excess collected at the All-Star Gala at the Intrepid Museum, T-Mobile All-Star FanFest, Gatorade All-Star Workout Day, the 84th MLB All-Star Game at Citi Field and the All-Star Concert benefiting Sandy Relief. Rock and Wrap It Up! works with more than 70 sports franchises, including 21 MLB and Minor League Clubs.

MLB World Series Community Events

For the fifth consecutive year, the first four games of the World Series were dedicated to raising awareness for important causes associated with charitable programs and partners of Major League Baseball. Game One was dedicated to support for veterans and their families through the Welcome Back Veterans initiative. Game Two focused on two long-time MLB charitable partners - Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and recognized the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. Game Three highlighted Baseball’s commitment to youth from underserved communities through Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI), the importance of education through the Breaking Barriers program, and celebrated community service through the announcement of the winner of the 2013 Roberto Clemente Award presented by Chevrolet. Game Four looked to inspire fans worldwide to join MLB and Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C) in advancing the fight against cancer. The Series also recognized Designated Drivers and included Starlight Fun Center donations and green initiatives.
Baseball again highlighted its support for the military and its Welcome Back Veterans initiative, by dedicating Game 1 of the 2013 World Series to veterans and military families with a special pre-game ceremony recognizing three living Medal of Honor recipients from the current conflict. Hall of Famer and Boston Red Sox Legend Carl Yastrzemski joined these men on the field for the ceremonial first pitch, Bank of America, the Official Bank of Major League Baseball, provided American flags for fans at each Fenway Park entrance, and asked those in attendance to wave the flag during God Bless America (before the bottom of the 7th inning) as an expression of thanks to our troops. Bank of America also donated 20 seats each World Series game to members of the military. “God Bless America” was sung each game by an active or retired service member.

Jacoby Miller, the five-year-old son of U.S. Air Force Captain Garrett Miller, yelled “Play Ball!” before the start of the game. Commissioner Selig, Red Sox chairman Tom Werner, Hall of Famer Jim Rice, Red Sox legends and other dignitaries visited with veterans who have suffered post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injuries in the field of combat, at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, part of Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital, Home Base Program supported by Welcome Back Veterans.

Game Two focused on two long-time MLB charitable partners in Boy & Girls Clubs of America, to demonstrate the ongoing effort to enrich the lives of young people, and Habitat for Humanity, to spotlight the organizations efforts to provide safe, decent and affordable housing in partnership with low-income families.

Prior to the game, there was a “Wanna Play?” event and clinic with Boys & Girls Club of Boston members at the Roslindale Community Center.

Through Habitat for Humanity International’s Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, MLB partnered with Habitat in each of the four League Championship Series cities of Boston, Detroit, Los Angeles and St. Louis. MLB, Habitat for Humanity and Red Sox representatives unveiled the newly-constructed home Habitat built in partnership with the Bule family in Boston’s Dorchester neighborhood.
MLB held a clinic for RBI participants ages 5 – 13 and a showcase for RBI players ages 14 – 18 at Mathews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club’s Cool Papa Bell Stadium in St. Louis. Harold Reynolds from the MLB Network and former St Louis Cardinals players Kerry Robinson and Cliff Politte attended and participated in the clinic events that were administered by the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation.

The Showcase event was administered by the MLB Scouting Bureau and allowed the players to be evaluated by college and professional scouts.

Carlos Beltran of the National League Champion St. Louis Cardinals was named the recipient of the 2013 Roberto Clemente Award presented by Chevrolet in a press conference at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, where he received the award during an on-field ceremony.

Breaking Barriers Ninth Grade Grand Prize Winner Jennifer Wayland from Chesterfield, MO joined Sharon Robinson to be recognized on the field. Jennifer got a chance to meet Commissioner Selig and players participating in the 2013 World Series. Jennifer’s winning essay was chosen from 18,700 entries from across the country and Canada. For more information, visit mlbcommunity.org/breakingbarriers.

Two young fans with life-threatening medical conditions, whose wish it was to attend a World Series game, shouted “Play Ball!” to ceremoniously begin Game Four of the 2013 World Series. Michael “Austin” Summerbell, 15, from Lynn Haven, FL, and Micah Reed, 10, from Sulphur Spring, TX were VIP guests of Major League Baseball and got a chance to meet Commissioner Selig as well as players participating in the 2013 World Series. Since 2000, MLB has granted 85 wishes to attend the All-Star Game and World Series. For more information, visit wish.org.
We are grateful for Major League Baseball Charities’ continued support...Please accept my sincere thanks for Major League Baseball's generous commitment to fun and health for our nation's youth. Together, we are building great futures for young people and for America… James L. Clark, President and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Daniel’s attendance at the All-Star Game and all the events that led up to this night have been one of the most exciting and memorable experiences of his life. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for all that Major League Baseball has done and to allow his whole family to attend to share in his joy....Donna/Douglas Ludwig, Parents of Daniel Ludwig- 2013 Make a Wish attendee of the All-Star Game

Thank you so much for your tremendous support of UNICEF’s relief efforts in the Philippines. You are always there for us – it means so much to know that we can count on MLB when disaster strikes so UNICEF can deliver the critical, lifesaving aid that children and families need most urgently....Thank you again… for being there when children need you most …Caryl M. Stern, President and CEO, U.S. Fund for UNICEF

The support of Major League Baseball makes vital Partnership resources possible and drives constant improvement of the quality of our services for communities, parents, caregivers and all the children in their lives. We are deeply proud of our long-term alliance with Major League Baseball and value your continued support…Stephanie J. Davis, President and CEO, The Partnership at Drugfree.org

Major League Baseball employees responded to an American Red Cross appeal for blood donations by organizing a blood drive. Given traditional low summer donations, critically-needed blood was collected at MLB’s New York City headquarters to help save lives.

We who serve in the Military Service are very aware (of) how Baseball continues to honor and remember those who serve our country…. Martin E. Dempsey, General, U.S. Army and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Once again MLB employees donated new or gently used coats for distribution to disadvantaged men, women and children at homeless shelters throughout New York City.

The holiday season came early to the MLB Fan Cave as Major League Baseball played host to 35 kids from the Thomas S. Murphy Unit of Madison Square Boys & Girls Club. The kids were bused to the site at Broadway and W. 4th Street and treated to a night of revelry and holiday spirit. The festivities started with dinner compliments of Major League Baseball, a meet-and-greet with a working police dog, a visit with the fire personnel complete with the opportunity to try on gear, and photos with Mr. Met and Santa Claus.

Thank you...so much for everything you do. What a great honor it was to come out and represent all the veterans MLB honored at Game 1 (of the World Series)....Clint Romesha, Staff Sergeant, US Army

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At each home game in 2013, the D-backs and Budweiser honored troops with an in-game salute that included an invitation for all active and retired military to stand and be recognized. The popular in-game feature has quickly become a point of pride for fans and team.

The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation brought hope to the families of five Arizona firefighters who lost their lives fighting a wildfire in Yarnell, Arizona. The Mountain Hot Shots firefighters were celebrated on the field during AZ Diamondbacks Appreciation Day activations at Chase Field. The popular in-game feature has included an invitation for all active and retired military to stand and be recognized. The popular in-game feature has included an invitation for all active and retired military to stand and be recognized.

Additionally, through the Beat the Heat! Welcome Back Veteran Southeast Initiative, the Braves and Emory University provide veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars access to mental health and counseling services.

The holiday booking party for military families is an afternoon of fun, food, holiday gifts and bowling. The highlight of the party is the Pros vs. GA Jones competition where the troops get a chance to compete against some of the Braves best players and coaches in an exciting holiday bowling competition.

A group of White Sox pitchers started the True Heroes program, which included visits to VA hospitals on the road and in Chicago, gift bags, meet-and-greets with White Sox players, and an autographed baseball and letter of appreciation introduced on field to a standing ovation, was presented by Manager Robin Ventura, and received a unique commemorative honor coin.

The Cubs and White Sox have a long-standing tradition of supporting the men and women of America's armed services through ongoing initiatives designed to honor heroes past and present and to support the armed services through ongoing initiatives designed to honor heroes past and present and to support the armed services.

The Cubs work hard throughout the year to support and thank members of the armed forces and veterans for their protection of America. As part of the 2013 Cubs Caravan, the Cubs hosted a luncheon at the 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines military base for members of all military branches. In addition, thousands of tickets were donated throughout the season to veterans and active military through the Cubs partnership with the USO of Illinois.

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The Atlanta Braves support our troops, veterans and their families throughout the year in various ways, including visits to military bases and veterans hospitals during the annual Brave Lives Campaign, hosting holiday booking parties for troops and their families, honoring hometown heroes at every Sunday home game, and providing complimentary tickets to hometown heroes and military veterans. Braves fans are fortunate to be surrounded by dedicated military personnel throughout their region, and the Orioles organization appreciates all of those who risk their lives each day for our country. In that spirit, the Orioles are proud to support our military through a variety of initiatives designed to honor those who serve and to support the men and women of the armed services.

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Prior to each Cubs night game in 2013, a member of the military, who has been honored on the field, was introduced during the 7th inning stretch, and received a custom-designed commemorative honor coin. The program’s Honorary Directors include First Lady Michelle Obama, former President George H.W. Bush, General (Ret.) Fred Franks, Former First Lady Barbara Bush, Former World Series MVP Scott Podsednik,former World Series MVP Matt Wieters, former NFL player Darren O’Day, Chris Tillman and Matt Wieters.

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The Reds and Cincinnati Bell honored members of the Armed Forces during the season at Great American Ball Park. Each home game during the 2014 season, all Reds games, a representative from the U.S. Armed Forces Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard – was recognized on the home dugout, where they received a standing ovation from the crowd and home dugout, where they received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Players such as Paul Goldschmidt of the Arizona Diamondbacks were recognized as Arizona Diamondbacks veterans. Over 2,900 active and veteran servicemen and women were recognized during Armed Forces Day. The Armed Forces Game Ball Delivery (GBD) is a special program that invites active service members who recently returned from deployment to deliver the game ball to the mound prior to the Tigers taking the field.

With an introduction of personal accolades and a list of accomplishments, the service members were welcomed with a standing ovation from the home and visiting teams along with custom-made military-style red caps.

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As part of the Los Angeles Dodgers Community Relations military programs, members of our nation’s Armed Forces were honored as “Veterans of the Game” at Dodger Stadium. The program provided game tickets and parking passes, and was presented in a special Dodger Stadium Club. The service member was recognized on field and on the Dodger Vision coin boards, with a special recognition during the fifth inning. The day started with a display of hummers, tanks and other military vehicles. Former astronaut and U.S. Air Force pilot slide, whose cousin to Los Angeles and provided them with premium game tickets, Sonora, and took photos with Dodgers manager, coaches and players.

In 2010, the Marlins became the first Major League Baseball team to take active players to visit U.S. armed forces stationed overseas. The group visited military bases in Southwest Asia, including 8,000 Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans, have travelled to the Milwaukee VA medical center for treatment at the Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) center. Veterans and their families received support from the Sleeper Dogs of the Miami Dolphins Foundation, which serves as a “home away from home” at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee for military personnel and their families living beyond 50 miles from the medical center. Fisher House Wisconsin provides a “home away from home” at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee for military personnel and their families living beyond 50 miles from the medical center. Fisher House Wisconsin was recognized in a third inning ceremony, followed by a public service announcement featuring Tom Seaver.

Finally, the Twins hold their annual “Armed Forces Appreciation Day,” whichIncluded entertaining, re-enlistment ceremonies, and emotional soldier family reunions in front of thousands of military personnel. The Twins’ “Veteran of the Game” program honors a veteran at every home game by a public service announcement featuring Tom Seaver.
The Oakland A's and Sport Clips partnered on Military Appreciation Day, July 11, to honor the military forces. A's fans received a free haircut for a donation of $10 or more to benefit the Fisher House Foundation and Freedom Alliance military charities, raising $10,000 in total. A's players dressed to Fish for fans, military and veterans, and young military children from their families. In addition, the O.co Coliseum, home of the A's, was the site of a military-recruitment event for veterans and others with military backgrounds. DeVry University sponsored the event, which invited veterans with civilian work experience, men and women transitioning from active duty to civilian life, and members of the National Guard and Reserve to assemble approximately 5,000 USO Big Apple Packs for the military.”

In addition, the O.co Coliseum hosted the opening of a “Salute to Veterans” exhibit. The exhibit featured items from the 2012-2013 season, which included jerseys, caps, and other memorabilia. The exhibit was open to the public throughout the season.

The Padres hosted and recognized nearly 4,000 military service members, veterans, and wounded service members at Petco Park. The Padres also invited Medal of Honor Recipient U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Ty Carter to throw a ceremonial first pitch before a Padres game. The Padres also provided ticket discounts to active duty military personnel.

The Giants and MLB provided tickets for games at AT&T Park to more than 5,000 military service members and their families. The Giants and Coca-Cola honored nonprofits that provide services to our military with a special home plate delivery ceremony and jersey presentation throughout the season. The San Francisco Giants honor our military at every home Sunday game. The Giants offer ticket discounts to active duty military personnel.
As part of the Mariners’ “Get Well Tour,” Mariners players visited veterans from the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, and Mariners players Dustin Ackley and Brad Miller visited the children of MacDill Air Force Base, providing holiday gifts to the children of military veterans of all ages. MacDill Air Force Base is located twenty minutes from Tropicana Field, the home of the Rays.

Every home game, Grow Financial Federal Credit Union sponsored the “MacDillville” seating area behind the Rays dugout, inviting them to enjoy America’s Pastime at Tropicana Field. The Rays continued their annual donation to Armed Forces Night at Tropicana Field, featuring a special in-game program to honor military families in attendance. The Rays coordinated a video message featuring their families, and in-game during on-field ceremonies and presented with a custom Toronto Blue Jays jersey by Blue Jays players. In-game during on-field ceremonies

The Cardinals continued their annual donation of complimentary tickets to active and retired military to all games during the 2013 season, providing over 12,000 tickets through this program. The team invited veterans to several games to present a large flag in the batter’s eye in center field while being honored for their service. On three occasions during the 2013 season, the Cardinals dedicated a whole game night to pre-game ceremonies to honor veterans and POW/MIA (prisoners of war/Missing in action) in military ceremonies.

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The Rangers and Southwest Airlines partnered to present the “Toros of Valor” program, which recognized three active or retired members of the military during a game. Fans received four VIP tickets to a Rangers game, a behind-the-scenes tour of Rangers Ballpark, public address and video board recognition, Heroes received four VIP tickets to a Rangers game, a behind-the-scenes tour of Rangers Ballpark, public address and video board recognition. Rays players and coaches visited military bases, where Blue Jays players and coaches received tickets, transportation and food at every game. The ceremony included complimentary gourmet fare and in-seat service. Each guest received the most exclusive ticket – in the Lexus Presidents Club – which included complimentary gourmet fare and in-seat service. Each guest received the most exclusive ticket – in the Lexus Presidents Club. The group was honored on the field, and in-game during on-field ceremonies and presented with a custom Toronto Blue Jays jersey by Blue Jays players. In-game during on-field ceremonies

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum celebrated its 2013 “Salute to Fulfilling Dreams” program, bringing Special Olympics athletes to the Cooperstown, N.Y., site to be honored with a ceremony at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. The program paired the athletes with members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum to ensure that the games were available to the public through the Cooperstown Dreams Park program. The program also featured a special in-game ceremony with a pre-game ceremony, and in-game during on-field ceremonies

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The Temple University Owls baseball team received $10,000 from the Blue Jays Foundation to support the Owls’ community service activities. The Blue Jays Foundation is dedicated to supporting the efforts of select military personnel, who were recognized in-game during on-field ceremonies and presented with a custom Toronto Blue Jays jersey by Blue Jays players. In-game during on-field ceremonies

The Toronto Blue Jays are proud to support the efforts of the Canadian Forces and their families, and to continue to showcase the Gaming Salute program during each Sunday as part of the “Sunday Salute” program. The program recognizes the efforts of select military personnel, who were recognized in-game during on-field ceremonies and presented with a custom Toronto Blue Jays jersey by Blue Jays players. In-game during on-field ceremonies

The Washington Nationals are proud to work with the large community of military personnel, institutions and organizations that serve as homes to more than 500,000 military service members and their families in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan area. The Nationals have made military outreach a top priority, providing more than $2 million in value to the military community in 2013. The most visible program, the "In-Game Military Salute," provided wounded veterans and their families a reprieve from physical rehabilitation while offering a seamless and supportive environment to assist with their psychological healing. For every home game, in what became a game day tradition, the group was honored on the field. The program also featured a special in-game ceremony with a pre-game ceremony, and in-game during on-field ceremonies

In June, the Blue Jays hosted a Special Olympics athlete to participate in an in-game ceremony on the field at Rogers Centre. The group was honored on the field, and in-game during on-field ceremonies

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