



MLB CLUBS & PLAYERS SUPPORT CHILDHOOD HUNGER PREVENTION EFFORTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BIG LEAGUE IMPACT & GARTH BROOKS "TEAMMATES FOR KIDS FOUNDATION"

"Home Plate Project" Initiative Includes a \$900K Commitment, Including \$300K from Players, Toward Distributing Food & Non-Perishables to Children in Need

Major League Baseball announced a league-wide initiative by all 30 MLB Clubs and more than 50 Major League players to support childhood hunger prevention and battle food insecurity. The initiative, "**Home Plate Project**," is in partnership with Garth Brooks' *Teammates For Kids Foundation* (TFK) and *Big League Impact*, which was founded by St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright and is supported by Minnesota Twins pitcher Kyle Gibson.

"Home Plate Project" includes an overall \$900,000 commitment, including \$300,000 from MLB players, to help individual Club charities support local groups dedicated to fighting childhood hunger. Led by their player ambassadors in August 2019, Clubs will fund efforts with local food organizations, or local affiliates of national organizations, to distribute food and non-perishables to children in need throughout the United States and in Canada. The initiative is expected to reach a minimum of 25,000 children providing more than 3.6 million meals. Currently in the United States, 1 in 6 children may not know where they will get their next meal.

The list of player ambassadors for each MLB Club is as follows:

- **ARI** – Nick Ahmed & Luke Weaver
- **ATL** – Brian McCann & Mark Melancon
- **BAL** – Trey Mancini & Chris Davis
- **BOS** – Nate Eovaldi & Mitch Moreland
- **CHC** – Steve Cishek & Daniel Descalso
- **CWS** – Jon Jay & James McCann
- **CIN** – Tucker Barnhart & Curt Casali
- **CLE** – Jason Kipnis
- **COL** – Daniel Murphy & Brian Shaw
- **DET** – Tyson Ross & Matt Boyd
- **HOU** – Will Harris & Ryan Pressly
- **KC** – Ian Kennedy
- **LAA** – Andrew Heaney & **Tyler Skaggs**
- **LAD** – Clayton Kershaw & David Freese
- **MIA** – Martin Prado
- **MIL** – Chase Anderson
- **MIN** – Kyle Gibson & Martín Pérez
- **NYM** – Steven Matz & Jacob deGrom
- **NYG** – Aaron Hicks
- **OAK** – Stephen Piscotty & Liam Hendriks
- **PHI** – JT Realmuto & Aaron Nola
- **PIT** – Josh Bell & Trevor Williams
- **SD** – Austin Hedges & Ian Kinsler
- **SEA** – Marco Gonzales & Sam Tuivailala
- **SF** – Tony Watson
- **STL** – Andrew Miller & Adam Wainwright
- **TB** – Tommy Pham & Charlie Morton
- **TEX** – Hunter Pence & Lance Lynn
- **TOR** – Randal Grichuk & Clayton Richard
- **WAS** – Brian Dozier & Yan Gomes

****In memoriam to honor Tyler's legacy alongside his best friend Andrew Heaney****

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For more information on Garth Brooks' *Teammates for Kids Foundation*, visit www.teammatesforkids.com.