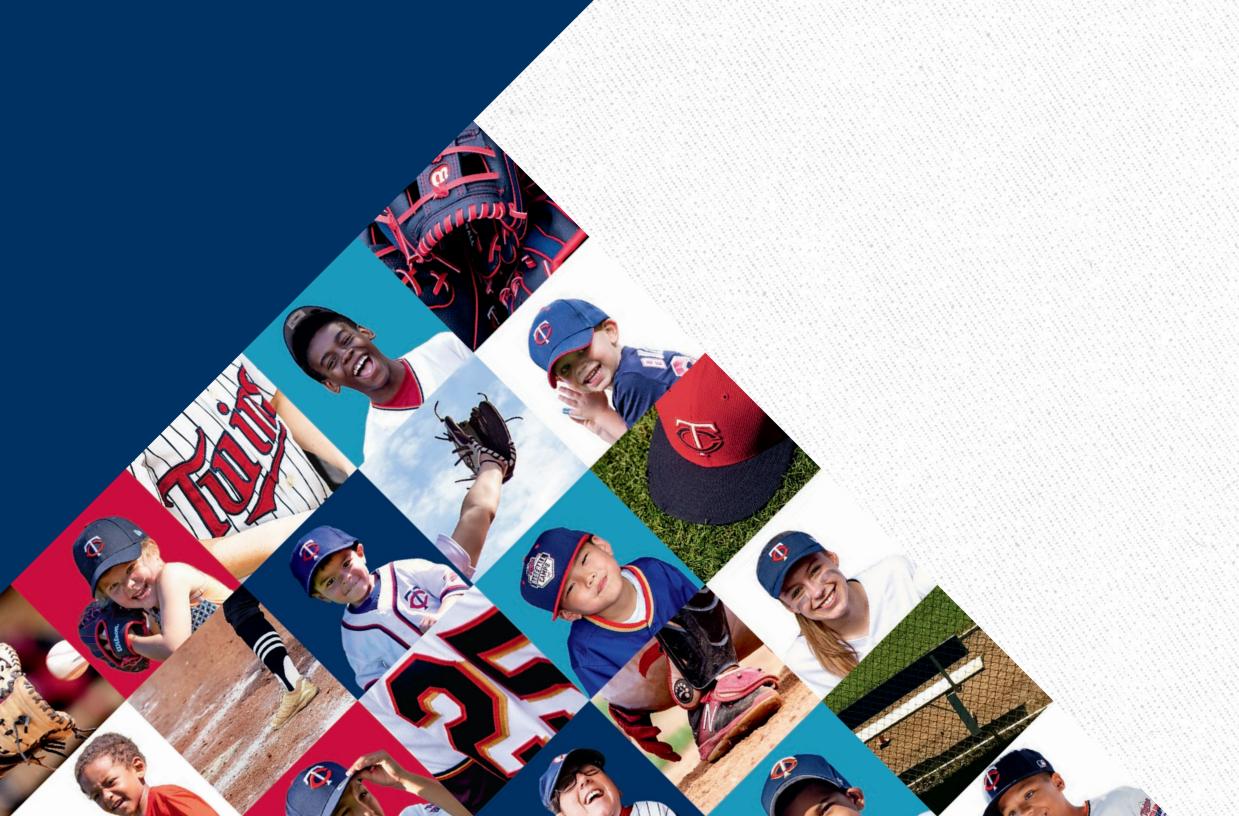


2019-2020 COMMUNITY REPORT









There's no one size, shape, color, or batting stance that makes a ballplayer a ballplayer. Every game, every play, and every player is different. Submarine pitchers. Rally cap wearers. Sunflower seed swallowers. Flat brimmers. Bent brimmers. Never quite on straight brimmers. Tall shortstops. Speedy sluggers. And unwashed lucky T-shirt wearers. The game doesn't just celebrate our differences, it's built on them.

Because baseball is for everyone.

For the past 29 years, the Minnesota Twins Community Fund has been dedicated to getting more kids in the game. Because in baseball, it doesn't matter where you come from, as long as you come together.



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Note from Dave

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DEAR FRIENDS,

ourselves in unprecedented times. The Minnesota Twins are working closely with local authorities, community partners, and Major League Baseball as we all navigate a world with COVID-19. While a global pandemic has shifted our daily lives, one ability to do so. thing that will never change is our commitment to community engagement. As we do each year, we invite you to join us as we look back on our efforts of the previous year.

The Minnesota Twins and the Twins Community Fund have always believed that baseball brings communities together and makes them stronger. The bond between our community and our team is special, and one that we have treasured for six decades.

It is my distinct honor to share the 2019-2020 Minnesota Twins Community Report with you. Please take a moment to review this publication, which provides a scorecard, so to speak, of the Twins community outreach over the past year and its impact on so many people and neighborhoods across Twins Territory. We are immensely proud to be Minnesota's baseball team, and it is a responsibility we do not take lightly.

Over the past year, the Twins have partnered with hundreds of nonprofits to further their missions, worked to recognize and honor our veterans and President and Chief Executive Officer

As this publication arrives in your mailbox, we find active duty soldiers, and deepened our focus on environmental sustainability and our commitment to inclusion. The Twins Community Fund continues to work to ensure that every kid who wants to play the games of baseball and softball has the access and

> Moving forward, the Twins organization embraces the opportunity to do more and to reach higher. We are dedicated to using our platform and our voice to support and serve our communities and will continue to actively develop programs and partnerships to assist Twins Territory whenever possible.

> As this report states, baseball is for everyone. And when the time is right, baseball will return. Kids will once again be able to join their friends in games of catch; town ball teams will turn the lights back on and play in the summer twilight; and the Minnesota Twins will take the field. We look forward to the day when we can all once again come together, united with each other and with the game we love.

Dave St. Peter





The Minnesota Twins Community Fund was founded following the 1991 World ties to lead the ball club's charitable efforts. The Community Fund's mission is to enrich local and regional communities by providing resources for the healthy development of children and families through an association with baseball, softball, and the Minnesota Twins.

We believe that youth sports – and specifically baseball and softball – change lives for the better. This game teaches players about teamwork, perseverance, patience, and even failure. We are working to create not the next generation of great athletes, but the next generation of great human beings.

The Twins Community Fund and its programs are supported in part by our Cornerstone Partners: Target, U.S. Bank, Treasure Island, and Delta Air Lines. We thank them for their support.



Using the power of baseball and softball, Play Ball! Minnesota is aimed at providing opportunity for all and celebrating the games and youth who play them.

2019 PLAY BALL! MINNESOTA HIGHLIGHTS

4,500 KIDS

participated in free skills clinics in 53 communities

\$100,000

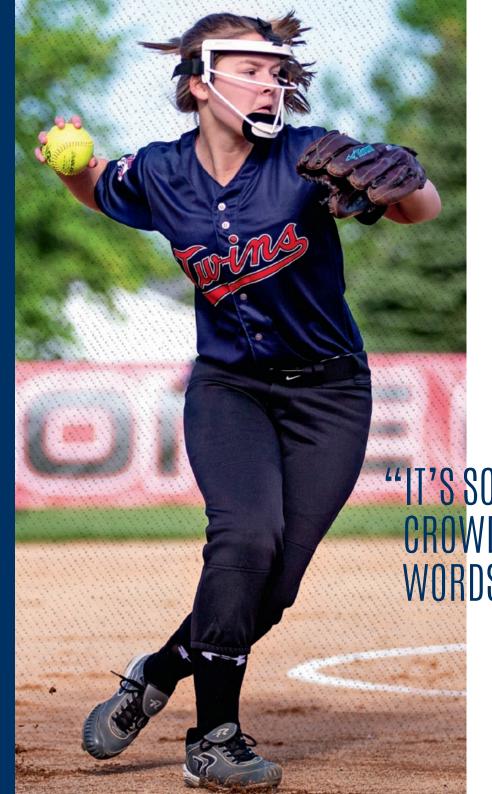
worth of baseball and softball equipment donated to Minneapolis and St. Paul schools

3,958 KIDS

introduced to the game in partnership with Playworks

550 COACHES

attended coaching training at Target Field



YOUTH CLINICS

Play Ball! Minnesota Youth Clinics provided free baseball and softball instruction to kids in 42 Upper Midwest and 11 Southwest Florida communities in 2019. More than 4,500 kids attended a clinic in their area.

TWINS YOUTH FIELD TAKEOVERS

Three youth games got the big-league treatment with the 2019 Twins Youth Field Takeovers, sponsored by U.S. Bank. Players were treated to the full Target Field gameday experience, including Twins jerseys, pregame lineups, walk-up music, a video board, and visits from Twins mascot T.C. and Twins players Kyle Gibson, Taylor Rogers, and Kohl Stewart.

CROWD. IT WAS LIKE . . . I DON'T EVEN HAVE WORDS TO DESCRIBE HOW COOL THIS IS."

- Riley Leadstrom, 14, Shakopee Stealth Softball Player

PLAYWORKS

Together, Playworks Minnesota and the Twins provided equipment and instruction to bring baseball to recess in 14 Twin Cities schools and four summer programs.

8,814 STUDENTS

played the game at a Playworks site

102 FOURTH & FIFTH GRADERS

were trained to be "Junior Coaches" and taught the game to their peers

76% OF STUDENTS

new to the game say they will continue to play



350

youth softball coaches attended the inaugural Play Ball! Softball Coaching Clinic

200

youth baseball coaches attended the 14th annual Play Ball! Baseball Coaching Clinic

FIVE

additional Play Ball! coaching clinics conducted around the region

17 STUDENTS

hired via Youth Coaching Grants, which work to create the next generation of coaches



COACHING SUPPORT

A quality coach can have a huge impact on the experience of youth baseball and softball participants. The Twins Community Fund is committed to educating coaches to ensure that all coaches can encourage and support kids of all skill levels. Not every coach and volunteer parent can know everything about the game – but every coach and parent CAN be a positive teacher and mentor.



PITCH IN FOR BASEBALL & SOFTBALL®

Every March, the Twins Community Fund and Pitch In For Baseball & Softball® partner to distribute \$100,000 worth of equipment to Minneapolis and St. Paul middle and high school baseball and softball teams.

JUNIOR TWINS

Seven organizations received grants to support the growth of youth baseball and softball programs. These grants supported more than 1,000 youth across the Upper Midwest, from Rosebud, South Dakota, to Grand Rapids, Minnesota.



PREP BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL



MS. SOFTBALL/MR. BASEBALL

Each spring, seven Minnesota high school softball and baseball players are nominated for the Ms. Softball and Mr. Baseball awards, honoring outstanding character and athletic achievements.

2019 Ms. Softball: McKayla Armbruster, Faribault High School 2019 Mr. Baseball: Drew Gilbert, Stillwater Area High School

HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR SERIES

Play Ball! Minnesota is a proud sponsor of the Minnesota High School All-Star Series for both baseball and softball, recognizing the best graduating seniors in the state.

PREP CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The Twins host the Minnesota Prep Championship Series at Target Field each summer. Congratulations to the 2019 Champions:

Class A: BOLD High School
Class AA: Duluth Marshall High School
Class AAA: St. Thomas Academy
Class AAAA: East Ridge High School

TERRY RYAN AWARD

Honoring a member of the Upper Midwest baseball and softball community who has been a major leader at the youth level.

2019 Winner:

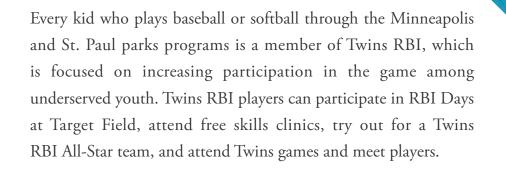
Joe Kreger, for his more than 40 years of devotion to baseball in Green Isle, Minnesota













on 258 teams participating for free in Minneapolis and St. Paul

\$200,000

collectively granted to Minneapolis and St. Paul to operate the RBI program

2,600 FREE GLOVES

distributed to RBI players

FIELD MAINTENANCE CLINIC

Twins Head Groundskeeper Larry DiVito and the Twins Grounds Crew led a maintenance clinic for Parks and Recreation staff from Minneapolis and St. Paul. Parks staff learned best practices geared toward youth fields and were able to ask questions and get advice from the best in the business.



8U GLOVE PROGRAM

Twins players Byron Buxton, Mitch Garver, Willians Astudillo, and Martín Pérez helped distribute more than 2,600 free gloves to Twins RBI players in Minneapolis and St. Paul.



RBI SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors who played in the RBI Program are eligible for the Twins RBI Scholarship, which provides two students from Minneapolis and two students from St. Paul scholarships of \$2,000 a year toward post-secondary education.



ALL-STAR PROGRAM

Any player in the Twins RBI program is eligible to try out for the Twins RBI All-Star teams, which represent the Twin Cities at the annual RBI Regional Tournament. The 2019 tournament was held in Indianapolis.





The Twins Community Fund works to give youth ballplayers fields that they are proud to call home through grant programs designed to improve youth baseball and softball fields. The Fields for Kids and Hennepin County grant programs are available in amounts up to \$15,000.

42 FIELDS FOR KIDS GRANTS

totaling \$342,339 distributed in 2019

7,122 KIOS

whose home field received upgrades

MORE THAN \$19,000

granted to ensure equal access for Minneapolis Public Schools on premier Minneapolis Parks fields

16 HENNEPIN COUNTY GRANTS

totaling \$122,824 to rebuild fields and purchase new equipment









The TwinsCare program provides free tickets to youth-serving nonprofits, bringing kids and families who may not have the means to buy tickets a chance to experience a Major League Baseball game at Target Field.





36,062 TICKETS

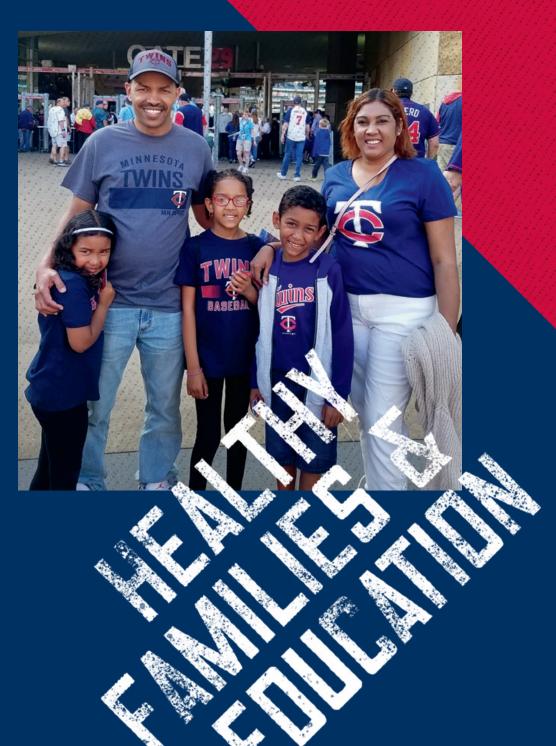
distributed in 2019

MORE THAN 50%

of ticket recipients had never been to a Twins game before

191 NONPROFIT DRGANIZATIONS

received tickets through TwinsCare





The Twins Community Fund supports a select number of nonbaseball programs that further our mission of healthy youth development through a connection with the Minnesota Twins.

ROOTS FOR THE HOME TEAM

The Twins Community Fund is a proud supporter of the Roots for the Home Team program. Novice youth gardeners partner with inner-city gardening programs to grow fresh vegetables and sell healthy salads. Visit them at Target Field at weekend home games.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA GRANTS

More than \$25,000 was granted to nonprofit organizations in Lee County, Florida, in 2019. Lee County is the Spring Training home of the Minnesota Twins.





The Twins Community Fund is supported by our Community Fund Cornerstone Partners and by our fans. A donation of just \$25 is enough to purchase balls or softballs for an RBI team's entire season. Please consider donating today or joining us at an upcoming fundraising event!

To get involved, visit twinscommunityfund.org.











PLAYER & ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

DIAMOND AWARDS

The 2020 Diamond Awards raised more than \$300,000 for the University of Minnesota's research and patient care for brain, nerve, and muscle disorders.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE TWINS COMMUNITY FUND

The Twins Community Fund would like to thank the following players for their tremendous support in 2019: José Berríos, Jason Castro, Nelson Cruz, Kyle Gibson, Max Kepler, and Martín Pérez.

GRAND SLAM DINNER

The annual Grand Slam Dinner, hosted by Kyle and Elizabeth Gibson, raised more than \$75,000 for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities.

TWINSFEST AND SWING FOR THE KIDS CLASSIC

These two annual Twins Community Fund fundraisers would not be possible without the support of Twins players, coaches, and alumni.



TWINS WIVES ORGANIZATION



PLAYER & ALUMNI CHARITY HIGHLIGHTS

Players and alumni held numerous events and fundraisers for wonderful causes in 2019. Among them were:

José Berríos, who hosted a free pitching clinic for youth players from the Westside Boosters in St. Paul and raised money for Pediatric Cancer Research;

Jake Odorizzi, who raised more than \$18,000 to support animal welfare through the Animal Humane Society;

Nelson Cruz, who taught Twins RBI players and his teammates how to play Vitilla and helped with education for youth across the world via his Boomstick23 Foundation;

Taylor Rogers, who treated Minneapolis firefighters to a Capital Grille Dinner and raised money for first responders via the Taylor Rogers Family Foundation; and

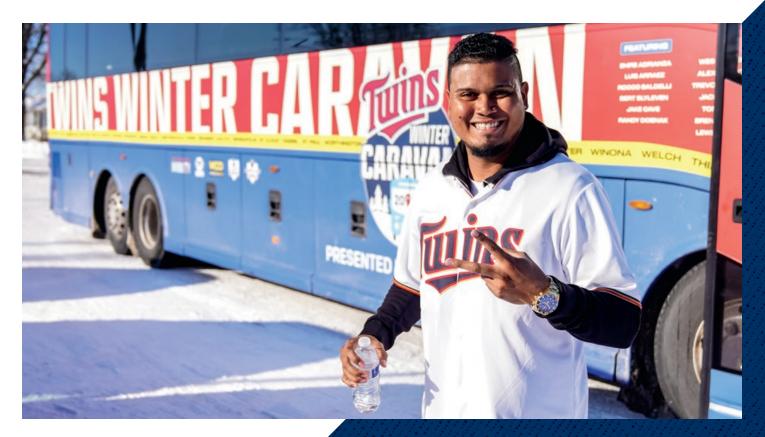
Joe Mauer, who once again supported Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare through his annual Mauer and Friends Kids Classic.



road to visit Twins fans in all corners of

Twins Territory during the 2020 Case IH

Twins Winter Caravan.



PARTICIPATING PLAYERS, ALUMNI, AND BROADCASTERS:

Luis Arraez, Jack Morris, Lewis Thorpe, Dick Bremer, Trevor Larnach, Rocco Baldelli, Dan Gladden, Wes Johnson, Randy Dobnak, Ehire Provus, Bert Blyleven, and Ryan Jeffers



Adrianza, Tony Oliva, Kris Atteberry, Brent Rooker, Jake Cave, Cory





Twins player or coach

the Twin Cities

2019 Winner – Nelson Cruz

For his dedication to empowering children and young

people through the Boomstick23 Foundation, hosting medical clinics in his native Dominican Republic, and

leading his teammates in charitable events throughout

The Twins are proud to recognize the individuals in the organization who go above and beyond for their communities.



KIRBY PUCKETT AWARD

Presented by the Twins Community Fund to a former player or coach

2019 Winner – Justin Morneau

For his commitment to helping those experiencing homelessness through his annual coat drive and support of the MAC-V "Home for the Holidays" event



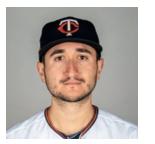
2019 ROBERTO CLEMENTE AWARD NOMINEE

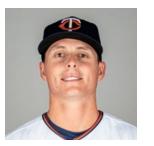
Presented to the Twins player who best represents the game of baseball through extraordinary character, community involvement, philanthropy, and positive contributions, both on and off the field

2019 Nominee - Kyle Gibson

For his relief work in Haiti, leadership in Big League Impact, and support of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities

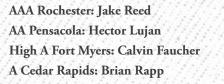






HARMON KILLEBREW AWARDS

Presented by the Minnesota Twins to a player at each full-season affiliate for their outstanding efforts in the community





(clockwise from top left) Jake Reed, Hector Lujan, Calvin Faucher, Brian Rapp





Twins full-time employees dedicated more than 2,000 hours to volunteerism in 2019. Twins staff spent those hours working with hundreds of different organizations. Projects ranged from packing meals to tutoring to board service and everything in between.

The Minnesota Twins are proud members of the Minnesota Keystone Program and the Corporate Volunteerism Council of the Twin Cities.



TWINS/TORO FIELD REBUILD

Each year, more than 80 employees of the Minnesota Twins and the Toro Company spend an entire day renovating an area youth baseball or softball field. In October 2019, employees arrived at Pearl Park in Minneapolis to remove weeds, level the infield, replace pitching rubbers and bases, and re-lay sod on five fields at the complex. Employees were guided by the Twins grounds crew and Toro Sports turf managers. The Twins Community Fund and the Toro Giving Program both donated \$10,000 to the project.

2019 HOLIDAY WEEK OF GIVING

FOX Sports North and the Twins partnered to make fleece blankets that were delivered to the Minnesota State Patrol to be used on emergency calls throughout the winter.

Target and the Minnesota Twins teamed up to throw a party and provide holiday gifts to patients and families at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare.

The annual Home for the Holidays event, in partnership with MAC-V and WCCO-TV, hosted veterans and their families at Target Field for a free meal and connected homeless vets with service providers.

Twins volunteers helped Centro Tyrone Guzman, the oldest and largest multiservice Latino organization in Minneapolis, host its annual holiday party for Latin American families by distributing holiday gifts.

PACK AT THE PARK

Over the course of two days, more than 2,500 volunteers partnered with Feed My Starving Children to pack more than one million meals for children around the world. This annual event is hosted at Target Field in partnership with FOX Sports North.

In January, players and staff from the Twins Academy the Dominican Republic delivered and served tho meals to children in need.







NETWORKING AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Twins are part of many festivals and events that celebrate the multitude of cultures that make up the Twin Cities. Events range from St. Paul's Cinco de Mayo celebration to IndiaFest to the Minnesota State Fair. The Twins booth is always a great stop for games and giveaways. Getting out in the community and interacting with fans is what the game is all about!

PRIDE FESTIVAL AND PRIDE NIGHT

The Minnesota Twins participated in the Twin Cities Pride Festival again in 2019 with a booth at the festival and a float in the parade. The Twins also hosted their second annual Pride Night at the ballpark. The Twins are proud to support Quorum, Minnesota's LGBTQ+ and Allied Chamber of Commerce, year-round.



SPRING TRAINING COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Twins players and staff head to Florida every February to get ready for the upcoming baseball season — and give back to the community in the Fort Myers area. Events include free youth skills clinics, appearances at Golisano Children's Hospital, and fundraisers benefiting Lee Health Regional Cancer Center and the Education Foundation of the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce.

DIVERSITY CELEBRATION AND DIVERSITY WEEK

Presented in partnership with the Prairie Island Indian Community and Treasure Island Resort & Casino, Twins Diversity Week demonstrates the commitment of Twins players, wives, and front office staff to giving back to all parts of Twins Territory. This year's theme was "I Will Change the World."

The week featured community appearances throughout Twins Territory, including a free youth baseball skills clinic that introduced many young people to the game for the first time. Diversity Week was highlighted by the annual Diversity Celebration, which brings the community together to share ideas about inclusion and collaboration. The 2019 event sent all attendees home with a mission to make a difference and change the world.





NATIONAL ANTHEM FLAG RAISING

At every Twins home game, an active service member or veteran is honored as they raise the American flag during the National Anthem with friends and family by their side. This program is supported by Thomson Reuters.

BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON

The Minnesota Twins are proud to honor

the many active and veteran members of our

armed services who reside in Twins Territory.

The Twins distributed more than 7,250 free game tickets

to military members and their families in 2019 through

partnerships with organizations like Vet Tix, Disabled American Veterans, the Minnesota National Guard.

TICKET DONATIONS

and more.

The Twins are proud to be a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon company. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon connects Minnesota service members and their families with community support, services, and resources. Twice a month, the Twins recognize Yellow Ribbon Networks that go above and beyond in supporting service members and their families.

Twins Community Fund hosted a youth baseball clinic for the children of active military service members.



ARMED FORCES APPRECIATION DAY

The Twins, in partnership with Thomson Reuters, hold an annual Armed Forces Appreciation Day to honor veterans and active service members from all five branches of the military. The celebration includes special pregame festivities and more than 1,000 donated tickets for military members and their families.

OPERATION HOME BASE

The Minnesota Twins and FOX Sports North teamed up to honor and celebrate soldiers and military families across Twins Territory in a broadcast event. The commercial-free telecast featured stories about the men and women who serve our country and the Minnesota organizations that support them and their families.

MILITARY FAMILY BASEBALL CLINIC

In partnership with the United Heroes League, the







PERFECT ATTENDANCE/ PERFECT GAME

In partnership with the Minnesota Middle School Association, middle school students who achieve a perfect attendance record are rewarded with certificates, Twins game tickets, and the chance to represent their schools in an on-field recognition ceremony.

ANTI-BULLYING EDUCATION

The Twins provide a curriculum to schools to help eliminate bullying by encouraging kids to choose kindness and by teaching skills to work through differences and understand other points of view.

LEARNING THROUGH BASEBALL TOUR PROGRAM

More than 18,000 students visited Target Field and participated in the Twins Learning Through Baseball education tours during the last school year. Learning Through Baseball tours, sponsored by Target, incorporate the beauty of Target Field with well-organized tours, a knowledgeable staff, and an exceptional curriculum in subjects like science, math, art, language arts, and more.





READING IS POWERFUL

Each year, Twins front office staff visit more than two dozen elementary schools in Twins Territory to teach students grades K-5 about baseball and all the important lessons that this sport can teach. All participants receive a Twins bookmark and tickets to a Twins game. This program is presented by Papa John's.



The Minnesota Twins are proud to support the work of nonprofits throughout Twins Territory through a variety of programs like those below.

NONPROFIT FUNDRAISING TICKET PROGRAM

Nonprofit supporters can enjoy a night out at a Twins game while also raising money for their cause.

Call 1-800-33-TWINS for details of how your organization can earn up to \$4 per Twins ticket.

NONPROFIT CONCESSION PROGRAM

In 2019, nonprofits raised more than \$1.25 million for their organizations by partnering with Twins concessionaire Delaware North Sportservice through its volunteer concession booth program.

NONPROFIT PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

ALS ASSOCIATION

In addition to the annual ALS Awareness Day, the Minnesota Twins partnered with the ALS Association on a digital campaign to "Knock ALS out of the Park." Featuring distance markers back to home plate at Target Field, signage around Twins Territory helped raise awareness of this neurodegenerative disease.



THE SHERIDAN STORY

Currently in the United States, 1 in 6 children may not know where they will get their next meal. The Sheridan Story is a Twin Cities-based nonprofit that works to combat hunger by filling the gaps to food access that children face on the weekend and in summers. The Twins organization, led by Home Plate Project ambassadors Kyle Gibson and Martín Pérez, supported The Sheridan Story through the season and offseason to fight childhood hunger.

PROJECT SUCCESS

Project Success motivates and inspires young people to dream about the future, helps them take steps to get there, and gives them the tools they need to achieve their goals. Partnering for 15 years, Project Success and the Twins created "Fielding Dreams" to raise funds for programming for children in Twin Cities public schools.

AWARENESS

Target Field hosts numerous awareness and fundraising activities for charities, such as pregames, public service announcements, information kiosks, and outfield wall signage. More than 50 nonprofits received recognition at Twins home games in 2019.

MEMORABILIA DONATIONS

The Minnesota Twins donated autographed memorabilia and game experiences to more than 3,300 fundraisers in 2019, helping nonprofits raise more than \$350,000 for great causes across Twins Territory. To request an item for your charity event, visit twinsbaseball.com/donations.



12,127 TONS OF WASTE KEPT OUT OF LANDFILLS FROM 2011-2019

3.894 TONS

of trash sent to Hennepin **Energy Recovery Center**

4,592 TONS

of waste recycled from Target Field

63 TONS OF FOOD DONATED FROM 2011-2019

56.880 HAMBURGERS

donated through Rock and Wrap it Up! Inc. partnership

345.950 HOT DOGS

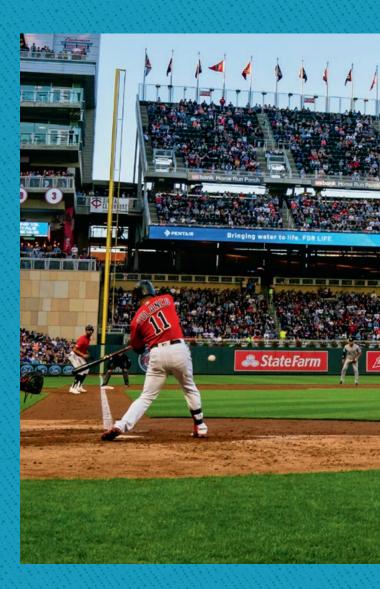
donated through Rock and Wrap it Up! Inc. partnership

27.052 CHICKEN BREASTS

donated through Rock and Wrap it Up! Inc. partnership

3.642 TONS

of organic materials composted and diverted from landfills





The Twins Community Fund is governed by a board of directors from across Twins Territory. Our board members come from a wide variety of professional backgrounds, but all share a passion for the community and a deep commitment to improving lives and strengthening communities through the games of baseball and softball.

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