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TAMPA BAY RAYS AWARD \$100,000 TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—On Wednesday, June 10, the Tampa Bay Rays awarded a total of \$100,000 to 20 local nonprofit organizations through the first cycle of the 2015 Community Fund Grant Program.

The nonprofit grant recipients were recognized during a luncheon at Tropicana Field. Guests had a chance to network with other charities and also participated in a question-and-answer session with Rays outfielder David DeJesus and President Brian Auld.

The Rays Community Fund Grant Program provides assistance to local nonprofits in the Tampa Bay region. Grants averaging \$5,000 are awarded to help support and enhance current programs offered by community-based nonprofit organizations. To date, the Community Grant Fund Program has awarded more than 208 grants to local charities totaling \$1,072,500.

The Rays will award a second round of Community Fund Grants in September. Applications for those grants are available on raysbaseball.com/grants through August 1.

The following 20 organizations and their corresponding programs will be supported by the Rays 2015 Community Fund Grant:

Organization

- Bay Area Youth Services
- Bess the Book Bus, Inc.
- Blossom School Inc.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County
- Brookwood Florida, Inc.
- Campbell Park Elementary School
- CASA (Community Action Stops Abuse)
- Children First, Inc.
- Children’s Home Society of Florida
- Daystar Life Center, Inc.
- Edible Peace Patch Project, Inc.
- Florida West Coast Public Broadcasting, Inc.
- Forty Carrots of Sarasota, Inc.
- Goodwill Industries – Suncoast, Inc.
- Greater Palm River Point CDC
- Meals on Wheels Plus
- Pasco-Hernando State College Foundation
- Polk Education Foundation and Business Partners, Inc.
- Redlands Christian Migrant Association, Inc.

Program

- GED Assistance / Back to School Assistance
- Exploring the World Cover to Cover
- Deaf Literacy Program
- ATOSS - Alternative to Out of School Suspension
- School Clothing for At-Risk Teen Girls
- Bridge-to-Success Summer Educational Camp
- The Peacemaker Program
- Scholarships
- Earn to Learn
- Bridging the Gap
- Lealman Garden & Wellness Kitchen Project
- Martha Speaks Reading Buddies Program Kits
- Community Outreach Parenting Program
- BookWorks
- Brain Expansion Scholastic Training (B.E.S.T.)
- Hunger Prevention for Children in Need
- Concept College Program
- Teacher to Teacher Connection
- Leadership Academy

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The Tampa Bay Rays have proudly represented Major League Baseball in the Tampa Bay region since 1998. The organization and its foundation are committed to building a strong community bond through meaningful interaction and charitable contributions.

