

2017 COMMUNITY REPORT





Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh shares a laugh with Red Sox legend, David Ortiz, Red Sox President & CEO, Sam Kennedy, and Chairman, Tom Werner.

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pride that we salute the last 15+ years of progress and achievement of the Red Sox Foundation. Since its founding in 2002, we have helped set the standard for professional sports philanthropy, which is a tremendous accomplishment. We are excited to march forward into another 15+ years of excellence and impact!

As we look ahead, we are inspired by the vision of our new Executive Director, Rebekah Salwasser. She joined the team in early 2018, and has already made great strides to align our programming to our mission, strengthen our core partnerships, and develop our Foundation team. Together, we are excited to improve upon our existing programs and partnerships, while looking ahead at creating new and innovative ways to make a deeper impact in the New England community.

With a sharp focus on Healing, Educating and Promoting Physical Activity, the Foundation has been creative, adaptive, and responsive to the needs of our community – from establishing long-standing partnerships, to managing a college access program and youth baseball/softball leagues – our team cares about the needs and requests from our fans, friends, and families.

With that, we are so grateful for the thousands of donors, sponsors, and supporters of the Red Sox Foundation. We truly would not be here without your continued generosity. On behalf of the players, front office, and Foundation, thank you! Together, we look forward to building upon our philanthropic legacy for years to come.

With appreciation,



Thomas Werner, Chairman Boston Red Sox



Rebekah Splaine Salwasser Executive Director, Red Sox Foundation





"It's an honor to join the Red Sox Foundation as Executive Director and work with our Chairman Tom Werner, Honorary Chairman Tim Wakefield, and Board to lead our efforts in leveraging who we are to further champion our mission and deepen what we do in our community."

> - Rebekah Splaine Salwasser, Executive Director

Dear Family and Friends of the Red Sox Foundation,

In 2017, you took the pride and passion for our team and harnessed it to make a difference in our community. Your commitment to support the Foundation's mission and make it your own is the essence of why we have accomplished so much in so little time. Thank you! Your passion drives me to stay involved with the Foundation and it is my sincere pleasure to serve as Honorary Chairman.

Together we made it a priority to give back to the communities serving the children and families of New England and Lee County, Florida. Whether it was visiting patients undergoing treatment at Dana-Farber, helping students realize their dreams of receiving higher education, or supporting our brave men and women of the military facing challenges returning from war, it was a labor of love to give back to a community that has given so much to me over the years.

It is a true privilege to serve the Red Sox Foundation in this capacity. I know we have achieved a great deal, but I also know a lot more is to come. As we look forward to another year, I hope that you will be right next to us, making an impact and changing lives.

Respectfully,

Tim Wakefield, Honorary Chairman Red Sox Foundation







Our mission is to make a difference in the lives of **children**, **families**, **veterans**, **and communities in need** by improving their **health**, **education**, **and recreational opportunities**.

WHAT WE DO:

The Red Sox Foundation is a very unique Foundation in that it both raises funds, and donates money out to charitable organizations. In addition, it has the capacity and resources to manage and oversee its own programming, including Red Sox Scholars and the RBI programs. This puts the Red Sox Foundation in a league of its own when it comes to team charities!

We are focused on:

HEALING

Through our partnerships with the Jimmy Fund, Home Base, and The Dimock Center

EDUCATING

Red Sox Scholars

BEING ACTIVE

RBI Program (Reviving Baseball in Inner-Cities)

HOW WE DO IT:

WE GIVE

The Red Sox Foundation is a leader in charitable giving. Through ongoing fundraising efforts, the Foundation awards millions of dollars a year through various initiatives, grants, and scholarships, including: New England Service Scholarships & Little League & IMPACT Awards Red Sox Player Foundations & Emergency Relief & Charitable Grants

WE GET

To facilitate our ambitious giving strategy, Red Sox Foundation staff work tirelessly to raise millions of dollars each year through events, grants, and sponsorships. Every dollar raised is a dollar donated. Run to Home Base & Boston Marathon Team & Fenway Park Marathon & From Fenway to the Runway Fenway Honors/Hall of Fame Gala & Knuckleballs to the Wall & Tim Wakefield Golf Tournament & 50/50 Raffle Picnic in the Park & Right Field Roof Deck Concert Parties & Monster Mash & Grants & Sponsorships

WE DO

To maintain a deep connection and to make the greatest impact in the community, the Red Sox Foundation manages and executes two extraordinary programs:

Red Sox Scholars is a college access program that awards a \$10,000 college scholarship to 12 Boston Public School 7th graders each year. The Foundation then provides academic, professional, and social support to the 7th graders for the next nine years to ensure they graduate from college with as little debt as possible — as well as feeling part of a family of resources for years to come.

RBI uses the sports of baseball and softball to promote the importance of good decision-making through the development of good nutrition, leadership, respect for others, nonviolent conflict resolution, and an overall commitment to one's potential and to the community.



Above: Wally the Green Monster high fives an RBI softball player. **Below:** Red Sox Scholars team up with Rafael Devers and others for the Foundation's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

Celebrating 15 Years Of Charitable & Community Work

The year 2017 marked the 15th Anniversary of the Red Sox Foundation as the charitable arm of the Boston Red Sox.

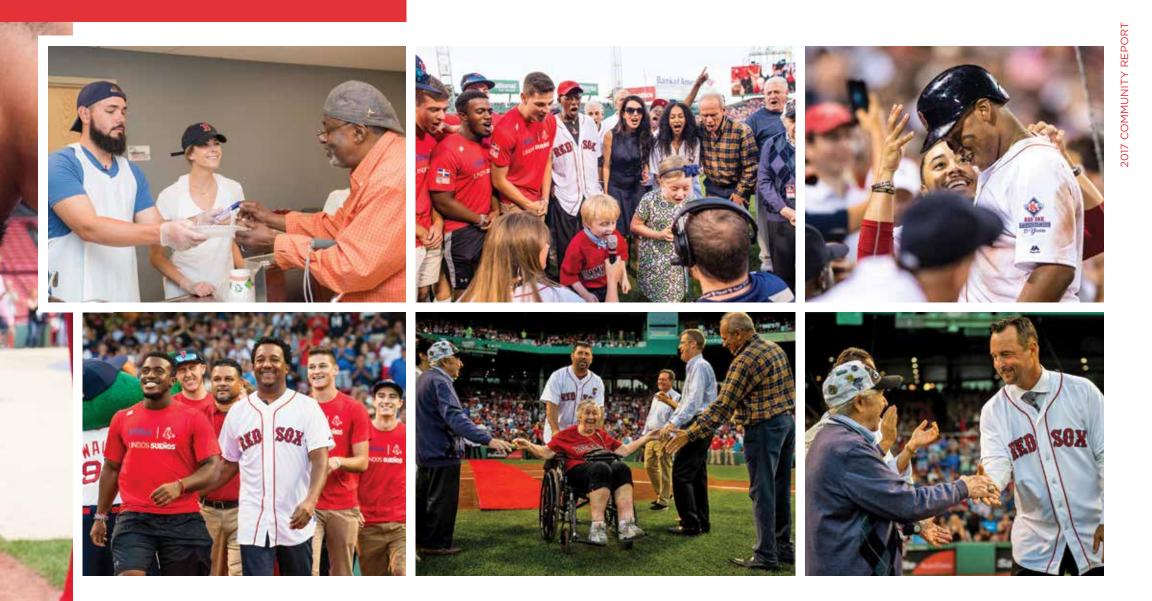
Focusing since 2002 on health, education, and youth sports, the Foundation has donated much needed support and resources to 1,620 New England organizations, as well as its own programs, such as RBI and Red Sox Scholars.

In celebration of the 15th Anniversary, Red Sox front office members participated in 15 Acts of Kindness across New England. On August 19th the Red Sox celebrated the Foundation's work in the community with a special pregame ceremony. The event highlighted 15 members of the Foundation's programs and partners who have benefited from the Foundation's work over the past decade and a half.

"Since its creation, the Red Sox Foundation has helped support hundreds of charities across New England that every day put people on a path to success," said Red Sox Foundation Chairman Tom Werner. "But beyond the millions that have been donated to these worthy organizations are the vital programs that have been created by the Foundation to improve and even save lives."

In addition to the work of its Foundation, the team has helped other charities raise tens of millions of dollars over the past 15 years. The Red Sox have donated over 60,000 autographed items, provided free use of the ballpark, and issued over 250,000 complimentary tickets for games, concerts, and special events.





"The Red Sox Foundation and its Red Sox Scholars program have played a critical role in helping me to graduate from Boston University, join the Teach for America program, and now be a teacher in Boston. Over the past 15 years, the program allowed me to develop as an individual under the guidance of Foundation Staff, providing me with opportunities that I wouldn't have been afforded otherwise."

- Sam, Red Sox Scholar selected in 2003







Take the Lead

TAKE THE LEAD

Take the Lead is a collaboration of New England sports teams to stand up to racism and hate speech.

Leaders from the Bruins, Celtics, Patriots, Red Sox, and Revolution gathered at Fenway Park to learn from one another and work together to emphasize the importance of an inclusive and accepting environment in their venues.

With the leadership of Massachusetts State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry and NAACP Boston Branch President Tanisha Sullivan, the teams agreed to partner on an initiative that would help advance the dialogue on race, starting with a PSA that would be shown to fans in each of their venues.

With the support of political and community leaders, including Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and City of Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the meeting also sparked collaboration between the five teams to share community programs and initiatives that help foster a diverse fan base and front office. This established the Take the Lead Fellowship which is a one-year position to help achieve the goals of the initiative.

Left to Right (Page 6): State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry, WBZ-TV Sports Director Steve Burton, Boston Red Sox Hall of Famer and Player Development Consultant Tommy Harper, New England Revolution President Brian Bilello, National Football League Hall of Fame Linebacker Andre Tippett, President of the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation Josh Kraft, Boston Bruins CEO Charlie Jacobs, Reverend Liz Walker, Former Boston Bruin Forward and Executive Director of the Boston Bruins Foundation Bob Sweeney, Boston Red Sox President & CEO Sam Kennedy, former Boston Celtics Forward and NBA Broadcaster Cedric Maxwell, Boston Celtics Senior Director of Community Engagement Dave Hoffman, & NAACP Boston President Tanisha Sullivan.



The Red Sox Foundation's focus in the area of health is the ball club's long-standing support of the Jimmy Fund.

Since 1953, the Red Sox and the Jimmy Fund have been a team, working in support of cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Dating back to 2002 the Red Sox Foundation has sponsored the Pan-Mass Challenge, and through the WEEI-NESN Radio-Telethon, the Red Sox have helped raise millions in funds for the Jimmy Fund and the lifesaving work it supports at Dana-Farber.

As Red Sox Jimmy Fund Player Captain, Brock Holt brought joy to hundreds of Jimmy Fund patients and their families. Mookie Betts and other team members pitched in, too, to raise spirits and funds.





2002-2017 Charitable Box Score: \$135 Million

Raised for the Jimmy Fund



Home Base has helped over 15,000 veterans and their families

The Red Sox Foundation has raised over **\$22 million for Home Base**

through the program's largest fundraiser, the Run to Home Base presented by New Balance.







More than 1,300 Vietnam Veterans and their families received a very much overdue and heartfelt "Welcome Home" on July 15th during a special pregame ceremony at the Red Sox vs. Yankees game at Fenway Park.

Hosted by the Red Sox Foundation and the Home Base Program, this event marked the largest-ever gathering of Vietnam Veterans in the nation. The event also marked the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Created by Red Sox Foundation Chairman Tom Werner, Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital program, helps veterans and their families suffering from the "invisible wounds of war," such as post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. The Home Base Program is the first partnership of its kind in the nation between an academic medical center and a Major League Baseball team. As a National Center of Excellence, Home Base operates the largest private-sector clinic in the nation.

HEALING

DIMOCK CENTER

The Dimock Center in Roxbury is the second largest community health center in Boston. Situated on a nine-acre site in Roxbury, they serve primarily low-income residents of Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Jamaica Plain. Celebrating 156 years of service, Dimock provides more than 18,000 people with access to high quality, low cost health care, human services, and education every year.

Dimock's substance use treatment programs serve men and women from more than 212 zip codes in Massachusetts. They provide the full continuum of substance use treatment, including inpatient detox, residential recovery and outpatient services. Dimock recently opened the doors to the **Dr. Lucy Sewall Center for Acute Treatment Services,** which will increase their capacity to provide inpatient detoxification to 1,000 more men and women, treating 4,000 individuals suffering with opioid addiction disorders annually.

"This is an epidemic (of substance abuse)," said Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, President and CEO of Dimock Center. "We all need to step in and we want to make sure that all three of our hospital partners are working with us to stem this tide and demonstrate the patients that they are sending us from the ER are getting care."

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2002-2017 Charitable Box Score: \$1,406,611 Donated to the **Dimock Center** N. 4

Health care with a personal touch. Dimock Center physicians, nurses, social workers, and technicians deliver comprehensive whole-person care to patients of all ages.

"My grandmother [Doris Buffett] was so inspired by the young people she got to know during the Red Sox Scholars interviews that she was moved to expand the program to more students... The Red Sox Scholars Program's focus on embracing each individual student's needs parallels her work at the Letters Foundation. This approach, paired with access to a high-quality education, is critical to making sure that all young people have the tools they need to succeed."

- Alex Buffett Rozek, Letters Foundation Board Chair



Since the program's creation in 2003, the Foundation has supported **274 Boston students**

Over **three-quarters of Red Sox Scholars** will be in their family's first generation to attend and graduate college

> **Over \$3.9 million** in support of Red Sox Scholars

> > Program Captains: Jackie and Erin Bradley









Red Sox Scholars, presented by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, is a college access program that awards a \$10,000 college scholarship to 12 Boston Public School 7th graders each year.

The Foundation then provides academic, professional, and social support to the 7th graders for the next 9 years to ensure they graduate from college with as little debt as possible – as well as feeling part of a family of resources for years to come.

In 2017, the Foundation expanded the program to include two additional "Sunshine Scholars," made possible by a five-year grant from the Letters Foundation. The Letters Foundation was established by siblings Warren and Doris Buffett and provides one-time humanitarian grants to individuals experiencing a crisis through no fault of their own, when no other options exist.

The Red Sox Foundation was also proud to celebrate its eighth class of high school graduates, fourth class of college graduates, and first-ever Master's graduate in 2017!

In 2017, the Red Sox Scholars Program Presented by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center was supported by the Biogen Foundation, CITGO, Dell Technologies Championship, Highland Street Foundation, Letters Foundation, Lynch Foundation, and Target.



RBI uses the sports of baseball and softball to promote the importance of good decision-making through development of good nutrition, leadership, respect for others, nonviolent conflict resolution, and an overall commitment to one's potential and to the community.

The program provides recreational opportunities for low income, at-risk, inner-city boys and girls ages 9 to 18. RBI allows youth to be part of a safe and organized athletic program in which they learn valuable life skills through practices, games, clinics, and other enrichment activities.

Expanding upon the RBI program, the Red Sox Foundation facilitates a Rookie League program which introduces the sport of baseball and softball to younger children, ages 5-12, in economically disadvantaged areas and promotes good sportsmanship and respect for adults and peers.

In 2017, the RBI Program was supported by Aramark, Franklin, JetBlue, Neighborhood Health Plan, Poland Spring, Regina Pizzeria, Target, Yawkey Foundations, and Zipcar.

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"The Red Sox Foundation not only helped me build my softball skills but also my personal skills. I can apply them on and off the field. I built great connections, not only with my teammates, but with my coaches as well as the staff. RBI has done a lot for me and I have a lot to thank them for." – Ana, RBI Softball Player **187** RBI games in 2017



Over 1,600

boys and girls

ages 5-18



The Red Sox Foundation launched the IMPACT Awards in 2015, which stands for "Inspiring More Philanthropy Across Charities Together." These provide Red Sox fans in the surrounding New England states with the opportunity to support their favorite non-profits in their home states by nominating organizations to win the awards.

In 2017, the Red Sox Foundation named 15 IMPACT award-winning charitable organizations, including three from Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

The 2017 IMPACT Award First Place Winners were honored during a pregame ceremony for an on-field check presentation prior to a Red Sox game at Fenway and also paid a visit to the NESN broadcast booth during the game.



Given out in Grants since 2015





In 2017, New England Service Scholars from 170 New England public high schools were honored during the pregame ceremony at Fenway Park.

Since 2009, the Red Sox Foundation has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 665 public high school seniors from Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont who have demonstrated a commitment to giving back through numerous selfless acts of community service.

In 2017, the New England Service Scholarship was proudly presented by Jenzabar and sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund and, in Rhode Island, by National Grid.



Given out in Scholarships since 2009





For the fourth straight year, the Red Sox Foundation partnered with Massachusetts Little League to support all 200 leagues, their 5,628 teams, and approximately 67,500 baseball and softball participants ages 5 to 16.

Red Sox Foundation's support of Little League provides boys and girls the opportunity to participate in baseball and softball, regardless of their athletic abilities. Spearheaded by Foundation Board Member, Mike Egan, donations to Little League across Massachusetts expand on the important work the Foundation has begun with Boston's Inner City youth and the RBI baseball and softball programs. Red Sox Foundation's support of Little League also includes supporting State Tournaments, awarding Volunteer of the Year in six New England states, and conducting coaches' clinics and leadership training sessions.

At a spring training game in March, Massachusetts Little League District Administrator and Little League International Advisory Committee member, John Berardi, spoke about the partnership as a guest on the NESN game broadcast. "The collaboration will have a tangible impact on the many Little Leaguers across the Commonwealth," he said. "These many volunteers are the backbone of each Little League community."

Tim Wakefield, Honorary Chairman and Little League Alum, said, "When children put on a glove and run on to the Little League Field, they learn how to play the game, but they learn so much more—character, focus, discipline, and teamwork. The Red Sox Foundation supports Little League teams throughout Massachusetts because these kids are our future."

In 2017, our Little League efforts were proudly supported by MA Health Connector and also sponsored by The PawSox Foundation, The Portland Sea Dogs, National Grid, and Janet, Jenner, & Suggs.







Page 20: Little League Player Captain Hanley Ramirez made an appearance at the Needham Little League Opening Day; Page 21: Top Left: John Berardi, Mike Egan, Tim Wakefield, Jason Lefferts, MA Health Connector and Wally at the MA Little League State Tournament in North Reading; Top Right: Sam Kennedy and Mayor Walsh welcome little leagues to Fenway on Little League Opening Day at Fenway; Bottom Left: Tim Wakefield with MA Little League State Champions, Holden Little; League; Bottom Center: Hanley Ramirez with Needham Little League players; Bottom Right: Saugus Softball Little League players.







To facilitate our ambitious giving strategy, the Red Sox Foundation staff works tirelessly to raise millions of dollars each year through events, grants, and sponsorships.

Every dollar raised is a dollar donated. Thank you to everyone who supported the following events in 2017:

- 50/50 Raffle
- Baseball Champions for Charity Weekend
- Knuckleballs to the Wall
- Right Field Roof Deck Concert Parties
- Monster Mash
- Tim Wakefield Golf Tournament
- Picnic in the Park
- Fenway Park Marathon
- From Fenway to the Runway
- Boston Marathon Team
- Run to Home Base

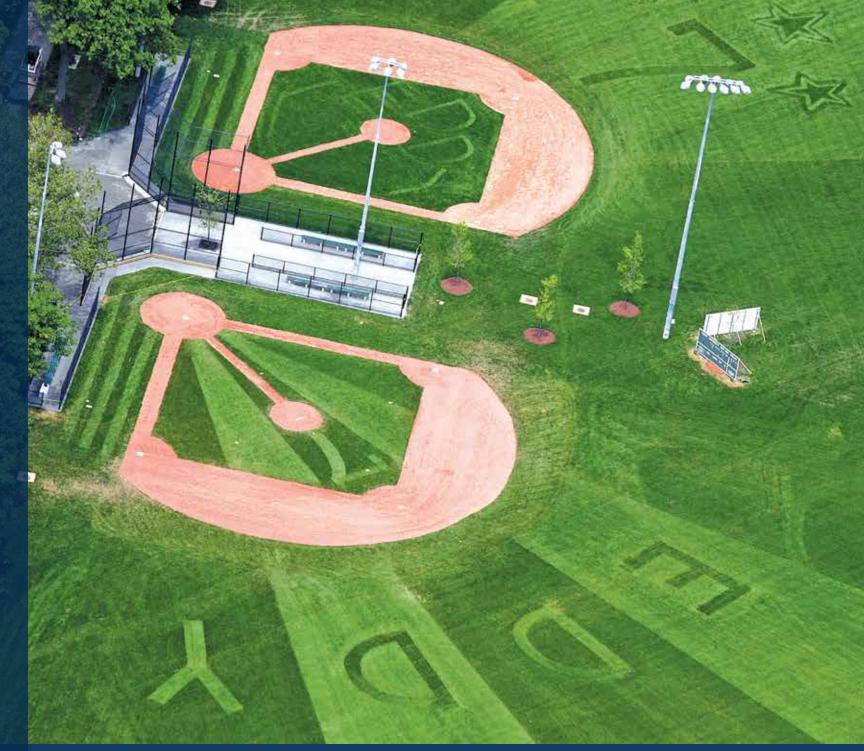
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Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields are a great gift to those who love youth activities.

The fields are named for Teddy, the son of Dick Ebersol, former chairman of NBC Sports and his wife Susan St James. Teddy died in a plane crash shortly after the Red Sox's 2004 World Series victory. The Fields stand in honor of Teddy and in testimony to all those who love youth athletics.

The fields include three baseball fields, an adult softball field, one T-ball field, and several general use or soccer fields. Lights also allow night games to be scheduled as the fields are open for permitted uses from Tuesday through Sunday from April until November.





Thanks to a generous gift from the Youth Development Foundation in 2017, the Red Sox Foundation received a grant to install four indoor batting cages at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers.

The Red Sox Foundation and BCYF hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony where the newly installed batting cage was unveiled at Tobin Community Center. MLBPA Senior Advisor to the Executive Director, Omar Minaya and former Major League pitcher and MLBPA International Special Assistant, Javier Vazquez joined Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Red Sox President and CEO Sam Kennedy, and BCYF Commissioner Will Morales at the festivities.

The first batting cage was unveiled at Tobin Community Center in Mission Hill. Three additional batting cages were installed in 2017 at Curtis Hall Community Center in Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park Community Center in Hyde Park, and Paris Street Community Center in East Boston.







DAYS OF SERVICE

Serving Others Together

In the beginning of 2002, Red Sox owners made their intentions very clear—to be active participants in the community.

The Red Sox Foundation alongside the club's Community Relations Department, Corporate Sponsors, and the rabid members of Red Sox nation, have taken charge and have made significant impact on the lives of New Englanders through service projects, activities with under-served communities, and disaster relief efforts, as well as participation in important cultural events.

In 2017, Red Sox staff and friends helped paint murals, engaged in activities with youth, delivered treats to first responders and, for the first time, provided a float and marched in Boston's "Pride Parade".

Community Relations Programs and Partnerships

The Community Relations department, through its programs and partnerships, is able to provide unique access, recognition, and rewards to a variety of groups and causes. Below are just a few of the causes that are championed through these initiatives.

"All Kids Can": CVS Health and the Boston Red Sox partner on the annual CVS Health All Kids Can Baseball Camps at Fenway Park and JetBlue Park. These clinics welcome children with physical and/or developmental disabilities to receive batting instruction from the Red Sox hitting coaches, meet Wally the Green Monster, eat lunch in the dugouts, and enjoy the game that evening in the CVS Family section.

The BASE, based in Roxbury, provides baseball and softball training, as well as academic and career resources, to empower student athletes to achieve their full potential on and off the field. Since its inception, the Red Sox have supported the BASE by bringing players to the facility, hosting the kids at Fenway, and helping with fundraising and events.

Latino Youth Recognition Days: The Red Sox and El Mundo Newspaper partner to honor top Latino middle school students from across Massachusetts as Latino All-Scholastic All-Stars. The students are invited to select games and are recognized during a pre-game ceremony.

Sox Talks: Each summer, the Red Sox and Boston Center for Youth & Families sponsor Sox Talks in Boston-area neighborhoods. Players or alumni, as well as the Red Sox Showcase and Wally the Green Monster, do baseball activities with youth at their local little league fields. Once per summer, the Fenway Challenge features players and coaches giving baseball clinics to children at Fenway Park.







The Boston Area Church League

The Red Sox Foundation helps young ball players refine their skills by supporting organized baseball activities throughout Boston.

With Foundation support, the Boston Area Church League brings more than 600 Boston children to baseball fields to play Saturday doubleheaders with pastors as coaches, police as umpires, and assistant district attorneys as volunteers.









Lindos Sueños

Launched in 2004 by the Red Sox together with philanthropist Charlene Engelhard, Lindos Sueńos takes American teens to the Dominican Republic each summer to play with their teenage counterparts at the Red Sox Academy. In addition to taking the field, the players volunteer to build homes for local DR residents.









ABOVE: Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and leaders from Action for Boston Community Development helped celebrate the 20th anniversary of the ABCD Field of Dreams event which in 2017 brought in \$400,000 for the SummerWorks job program, bringing the 20-year total to \$5 million.



Community Relations Events

Each year, the Red Sox host several events at the ballpark to help raise money and create awareness for community partners.

With access to the field, equipment, and Red Sox alumni, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), the Genesis Foundation for Children, and the Jimmy Fund are able to raise significant funds to support key programs.

The Red Sox also give attention and awareness to those in need by hosting special days for those affected by breast cancer and pediatric cancer. On Mother's Day, Susan G. Komen helps identify several breast cancer survivors to invite to the park for a VIP experience and pre-game recognition, while each September, the club joins forces with MLB and Give-A-Buck to "Go Gold" for Childhood Cancer Awareness Night at Fenway Park.

"Girls of Summer" is an annual day of baseball skills and camaraderie for female fans as they participate in clinics hosted by Red Sox coaches and listen to stories and advice from Red Sox execs and players.

Since 2002, the Red Sox and the American Red Cross have hosted the annual Day of Remembrance Blood Drive on September 11, honoring those who were lost. Over that time, over 11,000 pints of blood have been collected.

Players Pitching In

Red Sox Players, coaches, and alumni have a special opportunity to use their celebrity to help others and bring smiles and happiness to those going through difficult times. Through hospital visits, Make-A-Wish experiences, and baseball clinics, as well as through their own initiatives and foundations, they are able to connect in a powerful way.

Hospital Visits

Throughout the season, Red Sox players take time to visit patients at nearby hospitals. Each December, Red Sox players participate in the Holiday Caravan, a two-day event with visits to Boston-area hospitals to spread holiday cheer to patients. In January, top Red Sox prospects learn what it means to be active in the community by doing a service project and paying a visit to patients at Boston Children's Hospital.

Make-A-Wish

The Red Sox host multiple guests from Make-A-Wish each season. In 2017, the Red Sox welcomed children from Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, South Carolina, and South Dakota. In addition, David Price hosted a child in spring training who wished to receive a pitching lesson.

Player Programs

In 2017, Dustin Pedroia's **"Pedroia's Platoon"** (military members and families), Hanley Ramirez's **"Heavy Hitters"** (Greater Boston youth), and **"Red Sox Novatos"** (Latino youth) continued to provide groups with VIP experiences, including meet and greets with the players and tickets to the game. Mookie Betts and One Mission partnered with Pitching in for Kids on the inaugural **Mookie's Big League Bowl** event, which raised funds to help children throughout the New England area. David Price's **Project One Four,** founded in 2008, is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of youth and, in 2017, helped fund the opening of a Miracle League field in Tennessee.





"It's our responsibility to do what we can to help people that are in need and do whatever we can to lift up their lives and lend a hand." – 2017 Red Sox Roberto Clemente nominee, Rick Porcello 645 community connections by players and coaches







Players' Wives Go to Bat

While their husbands are taking care of matters on the field, Red Sox player's wives and significant others play an active and vital role in the community through their outreach and charitable efforts.

Each year the group dedicates their time and resources to impactful events, such as the Red Sox Foundation's "Picnic in the Park," the "From Fenway to the Runway" fashion show, Boston's Healthcare for the Homeless "Sox for Socks" collection, the Greater Boston Food Bank's "Strike out Hunger" collection, and the Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl.

They also chip in to support other worthy causes. In 2017, Kelli Pedroia hosted her second baby shower for the spouses of deployed or seriously injured members of the military in partnership with Operation Shower. Carolyn Pomeranz and Lakyn Holt led a group of ladies to model in the 4th annual Christopher's Haven Fashion Show in May. In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, the wives organized a "My Favorite Things" basket auction to benefit Habitat for Humanity and the Houston Food Bank.

The Red Sox wives can always be counted on to spread cheer through random acts of kindness, hospital visits, serving food at soup kitchens, answering phones for the Jimmy Fund radio-telethon, and countless other ways.

Fenway South Springing For Local Charities

Since opening JetBlue Park at Fenway South in 2012, the Red Sox have maintained an ongoing springtime tradition of championing charitable organizations in Southwest Florida.

Over those six years, the Red Sox have raised over \$300,000 from their Annual Swings for the Sox golf tournament and in 2015, launched the Lee County Red Sox Scholarships, a \$5,000 scholarship given to 13 academically talented Lee County public high school seniors who have shown a commitment to community service.

Through the Community Corner program, established in 2011, the team invites local non-profit organization to attend a Spring Training game. Additionally, the Red Sox conduct a 50-50 raffle at JetBlue Park during home games which is donated back into the Lee County community.

For the 7th annual "Week of Service," front office staff, players, and wives played games with families affected by autism at Family Initiative and assisted with food preparation at Community Cooperative, both Fort Myers-based non-profits.

Players and coaches helped raise funds for Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida by participating in the 24th Annual Boston Red Sox Celebrity Classic golf tournament, as well as the Diamond Dinner which takes place on the outfield grass at JetBlue Park. Each year a number of players and the manager also attend the Boys & Girls Club of Lee County dinner.





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