



BIGGER THAN BASEBALL

Dear Friends,

At the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation, we know that we must be bigger than baseball, and today, that means taking a leadership role in not only helping “flatten the curve” of COVID-19 spreading throughout our communities, but by doubling down and expanding access to assistance so many of us need during this crisis.

Since our founding in 1995, we have invested more than \$30 million in programs and grants to area nonprofits, and our fundraising has increased by 1,000% since 2012. That growth has enabled us to do more. Our team has made the necessary accommodations to work remotely and we are not slowing down.

We know that true leadership means leading in times of great community challenges as well. In this spirit, there are three key grantmaking adjustments we want to share:

- First, we are exploring increased grant flexibility and continue to closely monitor the philanthropic environment.
- Second, we are extending our application deadline to May 1st. Nonprofits can [learn more about applying here](#).
- Third, we are suspending all reporting requirements through May 1st. We know our nonprofit partners have more pressing matters right now than to file a report and we trust them to direct their time and resources where they are needed most.

We don't just fund area programs, we also run our own suite of programs and initiatives that touch hundreds of thousands of young people and their families across the Southland. We know the need is especially great now and will be making our [LA Reads](#) literacy content and our Science of Baseball curriculum available via online formats and will be sharing additional partner resources to support distance learning during this time. However, in response to the critical need to protect our most vulnerable populations, we have suspended all in-person youth activities including practices, games, trainings, orientations and health and education events. We will be using this time to support online training and resources for our adults and volunteer coaches to prepare them to serve our youth when programming resumes.

We will continue to work with our location partners to ensure that all sites have undergone the necessary maintenance procedures to reduce the risk of spreading illnesses. We appreciate each and every one of our partner sites for their ongoing dedication to our programs. At this time, all brick and mortar construction projects will continue so that when it's safe to gather again our youth and families can enjoy these new community spaces together.

Families are encouraged to still [register for our youth programs](#) in preparation for programming later this season. We will continue to communicate with our families via email and text as we learn more. Should families have any questions about other activities taking place at their nearest location, please contact the location directly.

Our annual fundraising events and in-stadium activities will be announced based on an ongoing assessment of this rapidly evolving situation. We hope that when we are all back up and running, many of you will join us and support these events, which raise millions of dollars to support critical programs throughout Los Angeles.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. Whether on or off the field, we are one team.

Stay strong and healthy,

Nichol Whiteman
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