



BIGGER THAN BASEBALL

May 1, 2020

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. To that end, we are combining Cycle 1 (submitted on February 1) and Cycle 2 (submitted on May 1) grant applications. All applications will be reviewed between May and July, with decision notifications sent in August.

We'd also like to update you on our efforts to help our community during this time of great need. We have launched a website, Dodgers.com/Relief, that details our relief efforts and offers community and educational resources.

We've created an **emergency fund to support Angelenos** who are experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, lack of basic needs and significant anxiety during this uncertain time. Initial grants have been directed to the Los Angeles Food Bank, My Friend's Place and the Mayor's Fund of Los Angeles.

We're providing **critical in-kind donations of food and basic needs** to local organizations serving as "grab and gos" for children and adults, as well as **those on the front lines of this crisis**. In-kind donations have already been offered to the Los Angeles Unified School District's Grab & Go Food Centers, the Dream Center and homeless shelters in partnership with City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. Additional donations will be provided to healthcare workers at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center, and affiliated UCLA Health medical facilities.

We're also launching **educational programs to reinforce continuity of learning** for our kids at home during this time. Keeping our kids engaged while they're staying safe at home benefits all of us, which is why LADF is gearing up to launch key Dodgers RBI program components online – including virtual college prep programs, fitness activities, [LA Reads' Dodgers Reading Champion Challenge](#), Science of Baseball science and math lessons, [Jr. Dodgers Program](#), [Summer Slugger](#), and more!

Although on-the-field programming remains suspended, we will be using this time to support online training and resources for our adults and volunteer coaches to prepare them to serve our kids 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 Dodgers RBI youth programs](#). 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.

And, lastly, we are here to serve as a **partner in amplifying public health messages and promoting community resources** that raise awareness of efforts and best practices to stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep Angelenos busy with fun, educational and active projects to do while at home. We invite you to follow LADF on social media including Instagram (@dodgersfoundation) to receive important updates and resources.

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,

A circular logo for the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation is partially visible behind the signature. The logo contains the text "LOS ANGELES DODGERS" at the top and "FOUNDATION" at the bottom, with a central emblem.

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